



Formally Worship for Shut-ins
 Can be seen at 9:00 AM Sunday WEVV-TV Fox 44.2
 Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9
 Sunday DirectTV Channel 377

February 2, 2020 – The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord

Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-32

“Cleansed and Claimed” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 52:7-10 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:6-9; Matthew 5:14-16

“Lights, Shine!” - Sermon Text: Matthew 5:14-16 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37

“He Is Your Life” - Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

February 23, 2020 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

“God and Man” - Sermon Text: Matthew 17:2 - Rev. Shayne Jonker



During the month of January, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **JERRY KORFF, KARON WATHEN, KERRY KECK GARY GANN, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, IVAN WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O'RISKY, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, January 4.....	12
Sunday, January 5.....	81
Saturday, January 11.....	15
Saturday, January 12.....	64
Saturday, January 18.....	4
Sunday, January 19.....	84
Saturday, January 25.....	7
Sunday, January 26.....	75

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Jan 5</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Jan 26</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	5	4	7	6
Adult Bible Classes	29	21	24	26
Music & Office	2	2	2	2
Total	36	27	33	34

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: Class sessions begin at 9:30 AM. All ladies are most welcome, bearing whatever translation of the Bible you find most helpful. Coffee, treats and fellowship available beginning at 9:00 AM.

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS: Members who have made contributions in 2019, should have received a contribution statement from Trinity recently. If this statement does not agree with your records, or if you did not receive a statement, please contact Dean Kahre at 812-370-3066.

LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP: The congregation is invited to join the Board of Parish Fellowship in Lunch & Fellowship after church on Sunday, February 9th. They will be serving Chicken Noodle Casserole or Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Cupcakes. All are invited to join in for Food, Fellowship and maybe a few surprises.

ANNUAL REPORT: To all Boards, Committees and anyone else who would like to have something in the Annual Report, please have your Reports in by Sunday, February 9th.

3 R'S MATCHING GIFT UPDATE: WE MET THE CHALLENGE!

Not only did we meet the challenge, we exceeded it!! As of 12-31-2019, we have received \$29,614. The matching donation has been received as well.

BIBLE CLASS: PASTOR TEMME is beginning a new study after worship entitled, "How Christianity Changed the World." Please join us for refreshments and the study of God's Word.

THANK YOU

I want to say Thank you to everyone who came to my brother, Tom Lutz, memorial service. Also, to Pastor Temme and all of the ones who had something to tell about Tom. Thanks to the ones who gave memorials to the church. Thanks for the sympathy you gave me and also for the cards and phone calls. They were greatly appreciated. The music was beautiful and meant a lot to me.

God Bless you all, Karon Wathen

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is \$30.00 and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078.

DIRECTORY 2020: Do you have a new address or phone number or email address? If you do, please let the office know.

THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY no longer receives Choice Dollars from Thrivent Financial as we have in the past. We are a 501 (C) 13 organization according to the Internal Revenue Service. That category is a non-profit cemetery business designation for tax exempt purposes. The cemetery still has tax exempt status as do all 501(C) 3's and nothing has changed. Any donation to the cemetery is still Tax deductible. The main difference is in the 13 designation that makes us a non-profit business and not a charity. Thrivent designates choice dollars to go to charity and not a business.

The Board of Trustees wants to thank all who have directed their choice dollars to the Lutheran Cemetery in the past. We rely on donations heavily to keep the cemetery in operation. We also encourage you to keep directing your choice dollars to your church or favorite non-profit organization. A reminder these dollars must be directed every year and does not remain the same from year to year.

As we continue into the 20's keep us in mind for your donations as well as in your Payers.

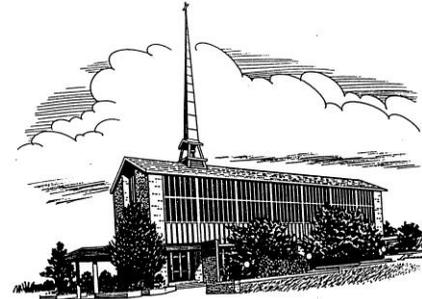
LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Our Lenten theme for this year is *The Crucified King* according to the Gospel of St. Matthew, who paints with words the portrait of a royal figure—our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. But Jesus is not presented in a way most kings would want to be remembered. He is not presented as "Jesus the Great" or "Jesus the Mighty." Instead, St. Matthew presents to us a lowly king who is rejected and betrayed. A king who is denied and condemned. A king who is mocked, forsaken, crucified and buried. Jesus is *The Crucified King*. Below is the theme for each service, which begins at 7:00 PM, except for the Saturday Easter Vigil at 6:30 PM and Easter Sunday at 9:30 AM.

- February 26 – Ash Wednesday – The King's Wisdom
- March 4 – Midweek Lent 1 – The King Betrayed
- March 11 – Midweek Lent 2 – The King Denied
- March 18 – Midweek Lent 3 – The King Condemned
- March 25 – Midweek Lent 4 – The King Mocked
- April 1 – Midweek Lent 5 – The King on the Cross
- April 9 – Maundy Thursday – The King's Feast
- April 10 – Good Friday – The King Forsaken
- April 11 – Easter Vigil – The King's Empty Tomb
- April 12 – Easter – The King Raised

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DARMSTADT

NEWSLETTER



Rev. Stan Temme

pastor@tldarm.org

Cell Phone: 470-5007

Rev. Keith Knea

pastorknea@gmail.com

Church Phone: 867-5279

www.trinitydarmstadt.org

VOLUME 33

FEBRUARY 2020

NO. 2

The Triune God

The last few months we discussed how God reveals Himself to us. From the natural knowledge of God in creation and our conscience we can know quite a bit about God, that He is almighty, all-knowing, present everywhere, just, holy, and eternal. But only from the revealed knowledge of God in the Bible can we know for certain that God is gracious, loving, and merciful. Also, only from God's revealed knowledge in the Bible can we know that God is Triune, three persons in one divine being. We confess the Triune God in all three of the Church's Creeds. The Apostles' Creed was an early baptismal creed that was confessed at one's baptism. It was not written by the apostles but reflects their teaching in the Bible. The Nicene Creed was written in the fourth century at the Council of Nicea. The Athanasian Creed was written in the fifth century, reflecting the teaching of the Church father Athanasius about the Trinity. These last two creeds protected the Church from false doctrine and preserved the true teaching of the Trinity from the Bible. The word "creed" is simply Latin for "I believe." In these creeds we confess what we believe about the Triune God from the Bible.

But what does the Bible teach about the Triune God? The word "Triune" or "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible. True, these are manmade terms, but these terms reflect how God reveals himself to us in the Bible. We call a three wheel cycle a TRI-cycle. Likewise, we call a one wheel cycle a UNI-cycle. Put the two prefixes together and we get TRI-UNE, or three in one. Our God is *three* distinct persons in *one* divine being. But how so?

In the first three verses of the Bible, God tells us, “In the beginning **God** (Eloheem) created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the waters. And God **said**, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” We learn something about the Trinity right away from the word “God.” In Hebrew, the word for “god” is “el,” but the plural word for “gods” is “eloheem.” Throughout the Old Testament God refers to himself as “Eloheem,” implying a plurality of the godhead. But all of God’s actions take singular verbs. In English this is like saying “Gods creates.” Grammatically this is incorrect, but theological it is correct. There are multiple persons performing a singular act. There is a plurality of persons but one being. But how many persons? The Bible repeated refers to three.

Again, from the first three verses of Genesis above we see, “God”, the “Spirit of God” who is distinct from God, and the Word of God spoken by God, again distinct from God. We know these three persons as God the Father, God the Spirit, and God the Word. But who is the Word of God? John tells us in his Gospel, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” The Word is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was with God the Father in the beginning and distinct from Him, but who was also God. All three persons, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, were present and active in creation from eternity, or “in the beginning.”

We also see the evidence of the Trinity when God creates man. God says, “Let US make man in OUR image.” God refers to himself in the plural, “us” and “our,” because of the three persons of the godhead.

The Scriptures affirm that there is one God. “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deut. 6:4) But the Scriptures are replete with references to the “Spirit of God” and God sending his Spirit. In Psalm 2, we see a reference to God the Father and God the Son. “The LORD (Yahweh – God’s personal name) said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten Thee.’ The Father *begets* the Son. The prophet Isaiah records the words of God the Father speaking about the Son and the Spirit of God. “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.” (Isaiah 42:1) These words are fulfilled at the baptism of Jesus. “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” (Matt. 3:16-17) The Son is anointed by the Spirit as the Father speaks from heaven. On the night before he was crucified, Jesus describes to his disciples how the Holy Spirit *proceeds* from the Father and the Son. “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.” (John 15:26) And just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands his disciples to baptize “in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” For this sentence to be correct grammatically, Jesus should have said in the NAMES of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, since there are three persons. But there is only one God, so Jesus uses the singular NAME. This statement is theologically correct because it describes the Trinity. One God, singular name, but three persons in the godhead.

Or course our human minds cannot understand the Trinity, but neither can we understand many of the other revelations which God gives us about himself in the Bible. We can only receive these things through faith, given us by the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word. This is why we begin the Creed with the words, “I believe.”

Pastor Temme



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to **RAY STEINKUHL**, celebrated his 92nd birthday on January 26th