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April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Psalm 118:19-29; **John 12:12-19; Matthew 27:11-66**

“Palms to Passion” - Sermon Text: Philippians 2:8b - Rev. Shayne Jonker

April 12, 2020 – The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

“Tears of Joy” - Sermon Text: John 20:1-18 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

April 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

“A Genuinely Tested Faith” - Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Rev. William Mueller

April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

“Have It GOD’S Way!” - Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

DARMSTADT CLEANUP DAY: Please join our community on Saturday, April 4, 7:00 AM to noon, as we clean up the roadsides in Darmstadt. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to work a shift or help grill a noon lunch for the volunteers. Wear boots and gloves and bring a 5-gallon bucket. Meet at the town center, American Honey. Lunch at church.

EASTER BREAKFAST: The Men of the Lutheran Laymen’s League invite you and your guests to the Easter breakfast on April 12 from 8-9 AM before the 9:30 AM service.

During the month of March, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **YVONNE MANS, LINDA SUE KORFF, RON KORFF, JIM KAHRE, VIVIAN RUFF, RICHARD DENNIS, 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, February 29.....	19
Sunday, March 1.....	76
Lenten Service.....	31
Saturday, March 7.....	7
Sunday, March 8.....	60
Lenten Service.....	25
Saturday, March 14.....	12
Sunday, March 15.....	61
Lenten Service.....	11
Saturday, March 21.....	10
Sunday, March 22.....	26

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Mar 1</u>	<u>Mar 8</u>	<u>Mar 15</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	3	4	5	6
Adult Bible Classes	29	18	22	6
Music & Office	2	2	2	1
Total	34	24	29	13

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

OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION: The Sarah Class has suspended meetings until further notice.

BIBLE CLASS: Please join us for and the study of God’s Word after worship. **Pastor Temme’s Bible Class** this month’s topics include “How Christianity Changed the World: Charity and Compassion, Hospitals and Health Care, and Impact on Education.”

Alan Letterman’s Bible Class will be studying the book of Ezra.

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 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.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this Trisha in the office still worth 10¢



label, Bring your receipt, not this label to and she can scan your receipt. **Box Tops are each for your school.**

SECURITY TRAINING: Our congregation will be hosting a church security workshop on Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, led by *Strategos International*. As violence, tragedies, and medical emergencies in this fallen world continue to rise in our churches across the country, this workshop will help leaders develop a security plan for their church and train ushers and deacons for service. More information is on our website at trinitydarmstadt.org/service. Contact Keith Kahre at 812-760-6113 to register.

LWML EAST/WEST ZONE RALLY: The LWML East/West Zone Rally will be held on April 18 at Concordia Lutheran Church beginning with registration at 8:30 AM and the program from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Orphan Grain Train will have a presentation. A love offering will be gathered for them. The in-gathering will be for their disaster relief buckets. They need:

Liquid Cleaner like Pine Sol	Powder Cleaner like Comet
Window Cleaner like Windex	Scrub Brushes
Large Sponges	Heavy duty Latex or Vinyl Gloves
Packages of Handy-Wipes	Large rolls of Paper Towels
Heavy duty Straw or Floor Brooms	Mops
Dust Pan & Brush	

If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the office before April 16th. To attend the Rally, reservations can be made by contacting Karen Alms at 812/483-0448 by April 12.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE FOR TRINITY DARMSTADT

In this time of national crisis, as we honor our authorities (Fourth Commandment) and help our neighbor (Fifth Commandment), we have the Christian freedom to keep the Third Commandment by either worshipping at home or at church. For three centuries, the early Church worshiped in house churches with smaller numbers before the advent of the cathedral churches with large masses. At Trinity Darmstadt we will provide our members with the resources to worship at home or at church according to their Christian conscience. We recommend that our very elderly or anyone who already has compromised health remain at home for worship.

For worship at home, you may use the resources on our website at trinitydarmstadt.org/worship-service. You will find links to our recorded worship services and *Worship Anew* in addition to our worship bulletin with the full service for your participation. A copy of the Sunday sermon is also available at trinitydarmstadt.org/sunday-sermon. Hardcopies of the Sunday bulletin and sermon are also available to pick up at the church office or in a box under the canopy after hours. You are also welcome to take home a hymnal from church. *Worship Anew* 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. Synodical resources are available at lcms.org/coronavirus. The pastors would be glad to bring you Holy Communion at home or a scheduled time at church upon your request. Please remain good stewards by mailing your offering envelop to church.

For worship at church, we are expecting small attendance spread out over our Saturday evening service at 6:30pm and Sunday morning service at 9:30am. We will refrain from hand contact, provide an offering plate in the narthex, and postpone food and coffee before Bible class and Sunday school. For additional questions, please contact Pastor Temme at 812-470-5007.

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.

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



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the following people who celebrated milestone birthdays in March:

LOIS KAHRE – 92

WALT SOMERS – 94

GIL KAHRE – 98

Cheers to **LEVI JAMES SMITH**, infant son of **ROBBY & BREENNA SMITH**, who was baptized in our church on Saturday, February 29th.



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

JIM RUFF, who died on February 28th.

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Temme and Member of Trinity,

This Thank You to Pastor Temme and Trinity Members is long overdue. Your visits to us and Pastor’s calls were deeply appreciated. Especially Pastor’s last visit here being shortly or while Kenny passed away. Thanks also for all memorials to Trinity and to other organizations, for the beautiful service, for the meal after the service, cards and the wonderful words of encouragement that meant so much to us.

Blessings and Love to all,

Wilma Fehd and Family

We would like to thank everyone that gave us gifts for Levi, said a prayer for our family, and those that brought us food. We appreciate all the blessings our family has received since Levi was born. We also would like to thank those that have volunteered to watch Levi for the remainder of the school year.

-Robbie, Breenna, Luka, & Levi

PRESCHOOL

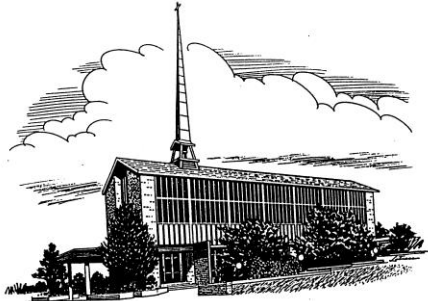
Trinity Lutheran Preschool is enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please give them our information. All families that enroll before May 1, 2020 will receive a \$75 tuition credit.

We will be closed until May 1 due to the virus.

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NEWSLETTER



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God the Father

In the Apostles' Creed we confess, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." This very short statement of faith, which we call the first article of the Apostles' Creed, is packed with meaning. We have already discussed the introduction to the first article, "I believe in God." God reveals Himself to us through His works of creation and through our conscience, but primarily through the Bible. In the Bible, God reveals Himself as Triune, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being. All three persons work together as one God with one will. But each of the persons has a primary role or work. This month we will discuss the person of the Father and His role in creation.

The first person of the Trinity whom we confess in the Creed is the Father. Is this because the Father is greater than the Son or the Spirit and came before them? No. All three are equally God, neither greater or lesser than one another. They existed from eternity as one being. As the Athanasian Creed says, they are "coeternal with one another and coequal." But we recognize a certain order in the Trinity. The Scriptures say the Father begets the Son, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. So we simply place them in this order, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Why is the first person called Father? In the Scriptures, He calls Himself Father because He is the Father of the Son. "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." (Psalm 2:7) We say that a mother bears a son, but a father begets a son. This is true of the Son who has no Mother God, like the Mormons claim, but only a Father God. God the Father begets God the Son. In Psalm 2, the word for "begotten" in Hebrew means "to beget from the essence." In John 3:16, the Father gave his "only begotten" Son. The Son is unique. God the Father begets only one Son of the same essence or substance as Himself.

The first person of the Trinity is also called Father because he created all human beings. As the prophet says, "Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?" (Malachi 2:10) As His creation, we call God the Father because he made us. But as Christians we have a special relationship with Him. God is our Father through faith in Jesus Christ. "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26) We are sons of the Father, not because He beget us of His own essence, but by faith in his Son. So we call him "Our Father."

We call the Father "Almighty" to distinguish Him from our earthly fathers in the same way that we pray "Our Father who art in heaven." The Father, by his almighty power, made heaven and earth. He did this simply by speaking. God said, "Let there be . . . light, sky, land, vegetation, stars, and animals . . . and there was . . . light, sky, land, vegetation, stars, and animals." Although we attribute creation to the Father, all three persons of the Trinity as one God were active in creation. The Father spoke His Word, who is His Son, and the Spirit was hovering over the waters giving life to creation. God breathed into man his Spirit, the breath of life, and man became a living being.

God the Father created the heavens and the earth in six literal days. "And there was evening and there was morning, the first day . . . and there was evening and there was morning, the second day, etc." "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day." (Exodus 20:11) That God rested on the seventh day does not mean that He was tired. He simply ceased from creating new things, matter, or species. God still creates today in the sense that "God has made me and all creatures," but He normally uses natural means of procreation to do it instead of speaking things into existence.

During the six days of creation, Scripture says several times "And God saw that it was good." On the sixth day it says, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." There were no flaws or mistakes, defects or imperfections in God's creation. There was no disease or death. The creation was without sin and its effects.

In the Nicene Creed we also confess, "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth," but we add, "and all things visible and invisible." We recognize the visible things of God's creation, the earth, its creatures, and the heavenly bodies. But we also recognize the invisible things that God created which we cannot see: heaven where God dwells and the angels. Next month we will discuss God's most important visible creation – Man.

Pastor Temme