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July 5, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

“Rest for Your Souls” - Sermon Text: **Matthew 11:25-30** - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

July 12, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

“Sowers of the Word” - Sermon Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 - Rev. William Mueller

July 19, 2020 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

“Would-Be Weed-Puller?” - Sermon Text: Matthew 13:30 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

July 26, 2020 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 125; Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 13:44-52

“Never Separated” - Sermon Text: Romans 8:35-39 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

During the month of June, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **EDDIE MCCOY, DORIS TURPIN, JOHN BROCK, KAROL ROBBINS, BARB FENDRICH, PAULA REININGA, REX NICHOLSON, VIVIAN RUFF, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, IVAN WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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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

BEING LUTHERAN: Following the study of *Households of Faith*, our Sunday morning Bible class will begin a new video-based Bible study on the book *Being Lutheran: Living in the Faith You Have Received*. If you would like a book for your household, contact Pastor Temme or order one at cph.org. If you are unable to attend class, you may complete the online self-study at cphfaithcourses.com/being-lutheran/

"Here is a contemporary presentation of Lutheranism on a popular level which does not stray from this ancient faith. It is an easy read with the depth of the Scriptures and the Catechism applied to our very real everyday situations. It covers modern concepts with an unflinching honesty and a clear-cut confession of the truth as revealed to us in Jesus. In fact, Jesus is the reason, purpose, and focus of every paragraph, page, and chapter. This is a doctrinal examination fit for laity to come to grips with why they believe what they do and a help for a pastor to better communicate the living, breathing Gospel of Jesus Christ, a truly Lutheran enterprise." —Rev. Mark A. Miller, President, Central Illinois District, LCMS

WORSHIP SERVICES: We plan to continue our Saturday morning parking lot service at 8:30am and our Sunday morning indoor service at 9:30am. We recommend that our elderly or those with an underlying health risk continue to worship online or at our parking lot service; however, everyone has the Christian freedom to worship in the sanctuary by following our church's instructions and safety precautions for the benefit of yourself and your neighbor.

You may worship at home by watching the live stream of our Sunday service at [facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt) or using the on-line resources on our website at trinitydarmstadt.org/worship-service.

For those who are not on-line, hard copies of the Sunday bulletin, sermon, and announcements will continue to be mailed to homes. Please call Pastor Temme if you would like to be added or removed from the weekly mailing list. *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.

Please remain a good steward by mailing your offering to church in your offering envelope.

Please call **PASTOR TEMME** at 812-470-5007 or **PASTOR KNEA** at 920-285-9719 for any emergencies or for prayer and counsel.

PRESCHOOL

Full time and part time openings.

Keep your eye out for a preschool donation board in the church this summer. We appreciate any help to start our next school year. Snacks will be added closer to the beginning of the school year.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to **PAUL SCHNUTE**, who celebrated his 95th birthday on June 30th.

Cheers to our 2020 Confirmands – **CHELSEA JACKSON & JOSHUA KNEA**. God's Blessings to them always.

SECURITY TRAINING: Our congregation will be hosting a church security workshop on **Friday and Saturday, AUGUST 7 & 8**, 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.

DARMSTADT DAY RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17

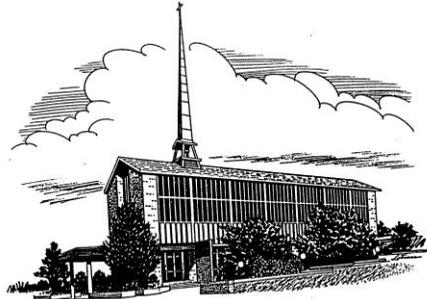
THANK YOU

We thank the board of properties and Midwest Mechanical for all their work in installing a new HVAC system for the sanctuary. It was dedicated in the service on June 21. We thank our congregation for their contributions to the Legacy Fund through the 3 R's Campaign to provide the funding.

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Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ, especially in this time of trial and testing. In the past few months, we've discussed the fourth and fifth petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We've seen how during this time of trial and testing that the Lord has still given us our daily bread, everything we need for the support of our body. However, man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, particularly God's word of forgiveness when we pray "forgive us our trespasses." Today, we'll look at the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation."

I always thought this odd that we would pray to God NOT to lead us into temptation. Would God ever lead us *into* temptation? Certainly not! One way to clarify this petition and retain the same meaning would be to pray, "Lead us *away* from temptation." Luther's explanation in our catechism makes it clear that God doesn't tempt us with the intent that we fall away from him.

"What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory."

God doesn't tempt us away from him, but the devil, the world, and our sinful nature do. How does this unholy trinity do this? By deceiving or misleading us into false belief. The devil tried to tempt Jesus this way. Satan took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and

challenged him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" The devil tempted Jesus to test God and force his angels to protect him even when he did something foolish and dangerous. Of course, the devil was misusing the Scriptures to deceive Jesus. The devil tries the same attack on us during this pandemic. "If you are a child of God, you don't need to take precautions against spread of disease and illness. God will see to it that you're always safe." Satan tempts us to test God. But Jesus rightly answered, "It is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Matt. 4:7) Therefore, we don't act carelessly or even dangerously and expect God to protect us from the consequences of our own negligence. We don't test God.

The devil also tempts us to despair. He assaults our faith in God. "Did God really promise to be with you always? Where's God now during this time of trial? He's judging you for your sins. He's forsaken you." The devil tries to drive us away from God, far enough that we'll despair and no longer call upon his name. But God's Word says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Prov. 3:5) We don't understand why this deadly virus has invaded our land. We don't understand why we suffer in isolation, apart from family, friends, and our daily routine. But the Lord reminds us to trust in him and believe his promise, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you." (Psalm 50:15)

Yes, we are attacked by the devil, this fallen world of sickness and death, and even by our own doubting flesh. But we pray in the sixth petition that we may finally overcome them and win the victory through Christ. Indeed, Jesus overcame the temptations of the devil by the Word of God. Jesus came into this sinful world, resisted despair, and encouraged his disciples, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus carried our sins and diseases to the cross and died with them, but he rose from the dead in victory. By his wounds, we are healed.

The devil tempts us to test God to draw us *away* from him. God doesn't tempt us in this way, but he does test us to draw us *closer* to him. Just like the Lord tested the faith of Abraham in the sacrifice of his son Isaac, just like he tested the faith of the Canaanite woman who pleaded for her daughter, just like he tested the faith of Philip who was in a quandary of how to feed 5,000 people, so the Lord also tests our faith when we face the trials and tribulations of this earth. During this pandemic, God is testing our faith. Will we doubt his Word and despair? No. Just as the Lord has preserved the saints of his Church through all time and eternity, so he will preserve you as well. God will use this time of trial and testing to strengthen your faith by keeping you dependent upon him. As you call upon him in prayer, the Lord draws you ever closer to him.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Temme