



Can be seen at 9:30 AM
 Sunday DirectTV Channel 377

September 6, 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:10-20
 “Sinners, Listen to David!” - Sermon Text: Psalm 32:1-7 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

September 13, 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35
 “The Merciful Master” - Sermon Text: Matthew 18:25-27 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

September 20, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16
 “Unfair!” - Sermon Text: Matthew 20:15 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

September 27, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27
 “By What Authority” - Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23-27 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: If your son or daughter is going to college, please let the office know. They would like their address.

During the month of August, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **HAZEL ENGLISH, LINDA SUE KORFF, LISA KECK, MEVELYN FEAGLEY, DON KECK, JOHN BROCK, WILMA FEHD, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA KAHRE.**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, August 1.....26	
Sunday, August 2.....38	12
Saturday, August 8.....32	
Sunday, August 9.....42	15
Saturday, August 15.....25	
Sunday, August 16.....34	0
Saturday, August 22.....31	
Sunday, August 23.....36	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

WORSHIP SERVICES: We plan to continue our Saturday morning parking lot service at 8:30 AM and our Sunday morning indoor service at 9:30 AM. 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 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.

BEING LUTHERAN: Our Sunday morning Bible class is participating in a 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/

MOMS IN PRAYER: is an international support group for women to gather in small groups (in person or on Zoom) and pray Scripture for children of any age and their schools (preschool up to university level.) Moms, aunts, grandmas, sisters, and friends can pray for a child of any age.

The format for each prayer meeting uses **ACTS** – Adoration (praising God for who he is), silent Confession, Thanksgiving (for answered prayers), Supplication (specific prayer requests for children and then specific prayer requests for their teachers/schools). A prayer sheet with theme Bible verses for each month is used to pray Scripture during Adoration and Supplication.

For more information on Moms in Prayer International, go to <https://momsinprayer.org/>

If you are interested in being a part of this women's ministry at Trinity, contact Linda Temme. We can meet on Zoom **once a month** for **1 hour** in groups of 3 or 4 ladies. Dates and times are flexible.

USE OF FACILITIES: If you are going to use the facilities for any reason, it must be on the calendar that is in the office.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool starts August 31. We are in need of a couple snacks for the beginning of school. If you are willing to help with snacks, they can be dropped off in the office. Snack ideas include: pretzels, applesauce, crackers, granola bars, etc.

A Wishlist is located on the preschool table in the back of church.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the following person, who celebrated a milestone birthday in August:

MILDRED ISAACS' 96th birthday on August 23rd.

Cheers to the following couples, who celebrated an anniversary in August:

ROGER & PAT DENNIS, who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 15th.

WAYNE & KARON WATHEN, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 28th.



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

PAUL SCHNUTE, who died on August 9th.

THANK YOU

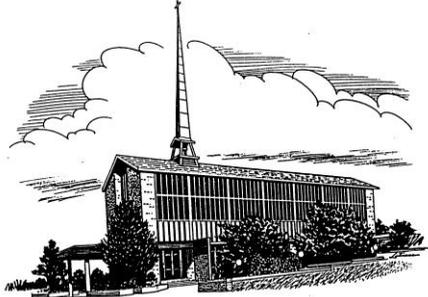
Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and delicious food. A special thanks to Pastor Temme for his prayers and visits.

God Bless, Hazel English

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REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY

At Mount Sinai, the Lord gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments. Among them was the Third Commandment, “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.” Sabbath means “rest,” and holy means “to set apart” for God’s special purpose. The Sabbath day was a *required* day of rest and worship for the Israelites. As God rested from his work of creation on the seventh day, so the Israelites were to rest from their labors on the Sabbath day. That rest, laying everything else aside, allowed the Israelites to focus on worship. They heard God’s Word of Law and Gospel, meditated on that Word, and returned their thanks and praise to God in prayer and song. They found rest in the Lord that their sins were forgiven through God’s Word of promise of the Messiah and through the Sacraments of the Temple sacrifices which were a type of the Christ to come.

In the New Testament, Christ fulfilled all the *ceremonial* law of the Old Testament. Christ is our rest, so we’re no longer required to rest on Saturday. Instead, we keep the *moral* law of the Third Commandment by continuing to worship on Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead, or another day of our choosing like Saturday morning or Saturday night. The “rest” part is no longer required.

However, the “rest” part is not a bad idea. Today, we have a substantial number of people who have to work on Sunday because their job requires it. Hopefully, they can still join us for worship on Saturday. But our society continues to pack things into our schedule so that our every free moment is filled with something to

do. We become so busy with work, commitments, sports, hobbies, recreation, even doing stuff at church, that we have no rest. The body and mind weren’t meant to function 24/7. And when we do, we can’t focus on worship and a devotional life. I remember in college sitting in church and thinking, not about the sermon, but all the engineering homework I still needed to get done that day. I was physically in worship, remembering the Sabbath Day, but I wasn’t keeping it holy.

What can we do? We can make a conscious effort to slow down, prune our busy schedules, and thin our calendars so we have time to rest. My second year of college I made a personal vow to do no schoolwork on Sunday but take the full day to attend worship and Bible class, write letters, read fiction, exercise a little, and take a nap. I found that I could relax in worship and meditate on God’s Word without being burdened with thoughts of work the remainder of the day. My spiritual life and my physical life were so much better when I did. And you can make the same kind of choice yourself.

Or God can make the choice for us. Enter COVID-19. Because of the corona virus, many of the activities on our calendars have been canceled. Business travel and trips, sporting and recreation events, conferences and camps, even meetings and events at church have been crossed off our schedules. We lament that we can’t do all the things we planned to do. Out of habit, we’re still trying to fill the time with busyness. But maybe this interruption in our lives is God’s way of telling us to slow down and take our time – take our time to return to the Lord, hear his Word, meditate on his promises, and pray for his continued deliverance.

In the Old Testament, God commanded that every seventh year the land was to be a Sabbath Year of rest when the people would not sow their fields; however, God would still provide their daily bread. Every 50th year, after seven Sabbath Years, there was to be a special year called the Year of Jubilee. Everyone was to return to his property and clan. No one would sow their fields, but God would still provide from the produce of the land. This Year of Jubilee was a special year when all could rest and remember the Lord and his provision.

Now God didn’t command that of us but only the Israelites. However, it’s not a bad idea. You can remember this year as the year of COVID-19 or as a type of the Year of Jubilee. I’m not saying you should quit your job, but maybe you can take advantage of that freed up calendar to rest, enjoy life with your household, relax a bit, and think about how God is still providing your every need. Our church calendar might be a little sparse as well. But that’s okay. Just find a way to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy by worshipping online or coming to the Saturday parking lot service or the Sunday service in the sanctuary. Let this year be a kind of Jubilee where you get some rest from the busyness of life and find rest in Jesus. As Jesus said, “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Amen.

Pastor Temme