



November 1, 2020 – All Saints’ Day

Psalm 149; **1 John 3:2; Matthew 5:1-12**

“What We Will Be” - Sermon Text: **1 John 3:2** - Rev. Thomas Eggold

November 8, 2020 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

“Foolishness and Wisdom” - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:13 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

November 15, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 90:1-12; **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30**

“Investing Your Gifts” - Sermon Text: **Matthew 25:14-30** - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

November 22, 2020 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

“In Order” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Rev. William Mueller

November 29, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:32-37

“The Happiness Watch” - Sermon Text: Mark 13:37 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: “Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is quickly approaching! National Collection Week is November 16-23rd. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex to sign up to help collect boxes during the week. Watch the bulletins for further information. If you have any questions, please talk to **PASTOR** or **SARA KNEA**. Thank you!”

NEW TO SCRIP: We now have McAllister’s for \$25. Remember Christmas is right around the corner! Don’t forget to order early to insure you get your cards. See Trisha for all your one stop gift card needs.

During the month of October, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **GLORIA ARENDT, DON KECK, DORIS TURPIN, MARGE DAVID, 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, October 3	26
Sunday, October 4	33
Saturday, October 10	27
Saturday, October 11	35
Saturday, October 17.....	22
Sunday, October 18.....	39
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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

WORSHIP SERVICES: We plan to continue our Saturday morning service at 9:00 AM, however, we will be transitioning from the parking lot to the sanctuary as the weather becomes cold. This service will require a mask at all times except when taking Communion which will be brought to the pew on a paper plate. Please sit in the pews NOT marked with blue tape. Our Sunday morning indoor service continues at 9:30 AM. Communion will be offered in the pew or at the altar with a household at each table. Please sit in the pews marked with blue tape. We recommend that our elderly or those with an underlying health risk continue to worship online or follow the protocols at the Saturday morning service.

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](https://www.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 9:30 AM Sunday Morning on 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.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: This year we will again hold our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 PM. Bring one of your favorite pie to share for fellowship after the service.

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.

LWML COLLECTION

The LWML will be collecting can goods and non-perishable items for needy families in our church congregation. If you wish to participate, please bring any of these items and place them in the Vestibule Entry Way by December 6th. They will also take monetary donations to buy perishable items for these families. Please give that to Trisha in the office. God has blessed us all in many ways.... let's share with others.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SEASON: Please note that we are having church Saturday and Sunday. Therefore we have decided to adorn the church for the season. Therefore, we will be needing poinsettias. Enclosed is an order blank. Notice that **LIZ KRIETEMEYER** has a new address – 4240 N. Third Ave. Apt 15; 47710. And if you are unable to get filled out form to **LINDA RAE** please call her at 812/477-4078 and she will be glad to take orders over the phone. Thank you for helping us adorn our church in celebration of the birth of our Savior.

ALTAR CIRCLE

ST. PAUL'S LADIES PRAYER SERVICE: After careful consideration and prayer, the Ladies Guild at St. Paul's Lutheran Church feels that in an abundance of caution they need to cancel their annual prayer service and brunch this year. Hopefully things will be better to have it next year.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & MANGER SCENE EXTRAVAGANZA

Due to Covid-19 concerns the Board of Parish Fellowship feels the need to cancel this event. We hope everyone stays safe during the holiday season and we hope to have this event next year under better circumstances.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to **RON & NANCY KORFF**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 15th.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool is in full swing and we're off to a great start. We do have limited availability if you know anyone looking for preschool.

We will be starting our first fundraiser from Nov 1-13. We will be selling wreaths again. An order form will be in church as well as in the church office. Our preschool earns \$10 for every wreath sold.

Thanks again to anyone who has helped us by subbing or donating items this year!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

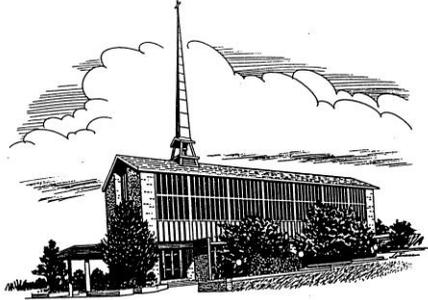
Sun. Nov. 15, 12 PM - help set up for Operation Christmas Child, lunch & games

Sun. Dec. 6, 6 PM – Christmas party: Graham cracker house-making, pizza, & recording of a "Caroling Christmas Tree."

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PRAYER

In the Apostles Creed we confess what God has done for us and our salvation. The Triune God creates us, redeems through his Son, and sanctifies us through his Spirit. But how do we respond to all of God's grace and mercy towards us? We respond in prayer. In a narrow sense, prayer is simply speaking to God in words and thoughts. But in a wider sense, prayer is worship. In faith we meditate, speak, and sing our praises, thanksgivings, and petitions back to God.

Of course there are many religions who offer prayers to a Supreme Being or god of some sort. Moslems pray to Allah, Hindus pray to a plethora of deities, some Asian and African religions pray to their ancestors, and some Roman Catholics pray to the saints. But as Christians we pray to the Triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We pray to the only true God. For this reason, only Christians may pray to God and expect to be heard. Though God can hear the thoughts and prayers of all men, he only answers the petitions of those who pray with faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) In his office of priest, Christ died for our sins and reconciled us to God. By faith in Christ, we are sons of God and may address him as children address their Father. But also in his office of priest, Christ serves as the mediator or intercessor between God and men. We pray in the name of Jesus who is at the right hand of the Father with full access to his ear. So we pray in faith. Jesus said, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22) And we also pray in the name of Jesus. "I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name." (John 16:23)

But to pray in the name Jesus does not mean that we can expect God to give us everything that our sinful nature wants. To pray in the name of Jesus means that we pray according to the desires of our new man who wants God's will to be done. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us." (1 John 5:14) As a father gives what he knows to be best for his children, so our Father in heaven knows what is best for us. "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:13) When we cannot always discern the will of God, the Holy Spirit helps us pray. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." (Romans 8:26)

What then should be the content of our prayers? In our prayer we should ask for everything that tends to the glory of God and to our own and our neighbor's welfare, both spiritual and bodily blessings. We should also praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

How does God answer our prayer? God hears the prayers of all Christians and answers in His own way and at His own time. The Lord promises us, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24) Of course sometimes the Lord's answer is "No." The apostle Paul prayed three times for the Lord to take away his thorn in the flesh. But the Lord said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." (1 Corinthians 12:8-9) Sometimes the Lord allows our affliction to remain in order to increase our dependence and trust in him. Sometimes he says, "Wait," as in the case when he delayed his coming to help Lazarus at the request of Mary and Martha in order to bring glory to God and increase their faith in him.

Where should we pray? We should pray everywhere, especially when we are alone, with our families, and in church. We certainly pray publicly in the worship service as the body of Christ. In speaking of the context of the worship service, the apostle Paul says, "I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer." (1 Timothy 2:8) But we also pray in private at home. Jesus said, "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father." (Matthew 6:6)

When should we pray? We should pray regularly and frequently, especially in time of trouble. "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me." (Psalm 50:15) The prophet Daniel prayed in his home three times a day. Martin Luther suggests a morning and evening prayer when we rise and retire and also giving thanks at meal times. The apostle Paul exhorts us, "Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18) We can pray continually by always being in conversation with God in our thoughts throughout the day.

Next month we will look at the prayer which Jesus taught us to pray. We will unpack the meanings of the petitions which we say in the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Temme