



March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 19; **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**; **John 2:13-22**

“The Power of the Cross” - Sermon Text: **1 Corinthians 1:18** - Rev. Thomas Eggold

March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 107:1-9, 19; Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

“Look on Jesus” - Sermon Text: John 3:14 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 119:9-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; **Mark 10:35-45**

“What God Doesn’t Remember” - Sermon Text: **Jeremiah 31:34b** - Rev. Shoemaker

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:19-29; Zechariah 9:9-12; Mark 15:1-47

“Crucify the King” - Sermon Text: Mark 15:6-20 - Rev. William Mueller

The Season of
Lent

During the month of February, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **MARK PRIES, TIM ROBBINS, PAULA REININGA, KATHY GILKEY, DORIS TURPIN, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, and WANDA KAHRE.**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, February 6.....23	
Sunday, February 7.....38	11
Saturday, February 13.....0	
Sunday, February 14.....29	9
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Saturday, February 20.....10	
Sunday, February 21.....41	12

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: Our Sunday morning service begins at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Worshippers sit in the pews marked with blue tape and have the option to come to the altar rail by household for Communion. At our Saturday service at 9:00 AM, masks are required throughout the service, Communion is distributed in the pew, and worshippers sit in the pews NOT marked with blue tape.

We recommend that those with an underlying health risk continue to worship online; however, everyone has the Christian freedom to worship in the sanctuary by following our church’s instructions and safety precautions.

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 Sunday on DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30 AM.

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.

LENT SERVICES: In the month of March, we continue our 7:00 PM Wednesday Lent services. Our theme this year is “Behold the Man” which relates the suffering of Jesus in his humanity according to the Gospel of John. You may also watch online on our Facebook page at facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt/. Please also join us for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services on April 1 and 2 at 7:00 PM.

NEW MEMBERS: On Sunday, February 7, we received into church membership by adult confirmation Ashley Nalley and by transfer Pat Askins from Christ the King Lutheran in Sun City Center, Florida and Joe Oppee from St. John Lutheran in Depew, New York. Please welcome them to our congregation.

BIBLE CLASS: Join us in class or online on Sunday at 11:00 AM for a study of the book of Joshua. In March we will see the Lord part the waters of the Jordan, show himself as the Commander of the Lord’s army, and bring down the walls of Jericho in a great victory for his people. Contact **PASTOR TEMME** if you would like a study guide.

NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 28, 6:00 PM - Glow in the dark egg hunt & devotions, ham & cheese sandwiches

Sunday, April 4, Serve at Easter Breakfast

Saturday, June 5, Help with games at Darmstadt Days

July 20 - 23 Higher Things Youth Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

DON’T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don’t let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31**, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. Help support Trinity Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

USE OF FACILITIES: If you are using any part of our facilities(gym or fellowship hall), you must clean up after yourselves. This includes taking out the trash and locking doors.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to our new members: **PAT ASKINS, JOE OPPEE & ASHLEY NALLEY**

Cheers to: **DON & ALICE KECK**, who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on February 28th.

Cheers to **QUINTON HARTMAN**, cleaned our parking lot when it snowed. We sure did appreciate it.



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

NINA THURMAN who died on January 24th

Thanks to all who participated in Jesse Knea’s Baby Shower!

Your thoughtful gifts are greatly appreciated!

Shower game winners receive a gift card.

Congratulations go to:

Cleoramae Stunkel - Birth date Jan. 6

Elizabeth Knea - Birth time 8:30 AM (actually 9:20)

Lois Temme - Weight 8lb 5oz (actually 8lb 7oz)

Kandi Korff - Length 19”

Linda Sue Korff - #chocolate chips in cup 250 (actually 268)

Liz Krietemeyer & Vivian Ruff (tied) - Jesse’s Family Guessing Game

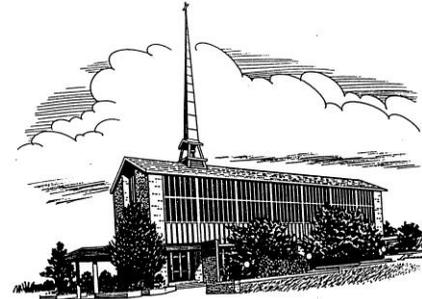
THANK YOU

Sara VanStone thanks the congregation for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls during the healing of her broken foot and pacemaker surgery.

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THY KINGDOM COME

In the second petition of the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come." What does this mean? In the explanation to the Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther writes, "The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come among us also." Two questions. First, if God's kingdom comes without our prayer, then why do we pray for it? Second, what kind of kingdom are we talking about?

As Lutherans we believe in the doctrine of two kingdoms. One kingdom is called the *kingdom of power*. We often call this the kingdom of the left. It includes temporal things and secular world governments. It includes kings and presidents, governors and magistrates, and county and city authorities, who have been given authority to rule over us for the benefit of justice, morality, and protection. We submit to these governing authorities as part of honoring the Fourth Commandment. As we honor our parents, so we also honor these governments as well. While evil men may hold office in these governments, the office itself is established by God and is therefore good. All of these governments, though, good or bad, are all ruled by God, and he works through them to maintain order in the world. "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all." (Psalm 103:19) Our ascended Lord Jesus Christ now sits at the right hand of God the Father who has put everything, even this kingdom of power, under his feet.

Another kingdom is called the *kingdom of grace*. We often call this the kingdom of the right. It includes the Christian Church made up of the saints on earth. The kingdom of grace deals with eternal things and spiritual matters like the Gospel, faith, and forgiveness of sins. The apostle Paul said, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking (temporal things), but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17) "[God] has rescued us

from the dominion of darkness (Satan's rule) and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14) It was the kingdom of grace of which Jesus was speaking when he said, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." (John 3:5) Of course, Jesus reigns over this kingdom as well.

As Christians we recognize these two different kingdoms and keep them separate. In our sanctuary you will see the government flag on the left (the temporal kingdom of the left) and the Christian flag (Luther's seal) on the right (the eternal kingdom of the right). Neither flag is above the other. They are too separate kingdoms, two separate things. This does not mean that Christians should separate from the world and not use temporal things or that they should not hold offices in government. Rather Christians should not use the government and its sword to further the cause of Christianity as Islam does in Muslim states. Nor should the government dictate doctrine and faith to the Church. Popes should not crown emperors nor should emperors use their sword to persecute the Church, both of which were wrong practices in Luther's day. These are two separate kingdoms, but both ruled by God.

But there is also a third kingdom called the *kingdom of glory*. It includes the saints in heaven. The apostle Paul is speaking of this kingdom when he says, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom." (2 Timothy 4:18) As Christians on earth, we are members of God's kingdom of grace, but we have not yet entered his kingdom of glory.

So which kingdom are we praying for when we pray, "Thy kingdom come"? We are not praying that God's kingdom of power would come because that is already present everywhere. Instead we are praying for his kingdom of grace and his kingdom of glory. We ask God to give us His Holy Spirit so that we believe His Word and lead godly lives as members of His kingdom of grace. Jesus preached, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15) We also ask God to bring many others into his kingdom of grace. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored." (2 Thessalonians 3:1) We also pray that God would use us to extend his kingdom of grace. In Acts the members of the Church prayed, "Lord . . . enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness." (Acts 4:29) The apostle Peter exhorts us, "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:12) Finally, we ask God to hasten the coming of his kingdom of glory. Paul writes, "Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20) Martin Luther sums up the second petition when he writes, "*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity."

The next time you pray the Lord's Prayer and say, "Thy kingdom come," think about these things, God's kingdom of glory and the coming of his kingdom of grace. Also think about these things when you pray the common table prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Pastor Temme

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know anyone looking for a preschool for children ages 2-5 please let them know about us!

The preschool will also be looking to hire teachers for the new classroom if you know anyone looking for a job for starting in August 2021.

The preschool will be adding a new class next school year. We are looking for toy donations for our new classroom. If you have any age appropriate toys for 2 years old that you would like to donate to our new students we would be grateful.

God's Blessings, Breenna Smith

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