



You can watch this program on Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on Direct TV Channel 377

May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

“Connected to the Vine” - Sermon Text: John 15:1-8 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98; Acts 10:34-48; John 15:9-17

“Jesus is for You!” - Sermon Text: Acts 10:34-48 - Rev. William Mueller

May 16, 2021 – The Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

“Jesus Reigns Through Us” - Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:22-23 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

May 23, 2021 – Pentecost

Psalm 139:1-10; Acts 2:1-18; John 16:5-15

“The Almighty Spirit” - Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

May 30, 2021 – The Holy Trinity

Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17

“Who Will Go?” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:8 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

GRADUATES

It is time to recognize our graduates. If you or someone you know is graduating, please let the office know. Thanks!

PRESCHOOL

The school year ends on May 21st.

We are still enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year if you know someone looking for preschool for children ages 2-5. There are preschool flyers on the preschool table if you'd like to share about our program.

We are also hiring! If you know someone looking to work with children we have our Jr. Preschool teacher position open as well as an Assistant teacher position.

Thank you to those that donated to our read-a-thon!

During the month of April, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **KARON WATHEN, DAVID COOMER, TIM ROBBINS, KAROL ROBBINS, DORIS TURPIN, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, MARGARET CHEANEY, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday.....	34
Good Friday.....	36
Sunday, April 4.....	First Service.....51
	Second Service.....70
Saturday, April 10.....	18
Sunday, April 11.....	55
Saturday, April 17.....	24
Sunday, April 18.....	61
Saturday, April 24.....	17
Sunday, April 25.....	65

BIBLE CLASS

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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

BIBLE CLASS: Join us in class or online on Sunday at 11:00 AM for a study of the book of Joshua. In May we will see how the Lord spares the Gibeonites for his service, makes the sun stand still, and conquers the enemies of his people to give them their land inheritance. Contact Pastor Temme if you would like a study guide.

BIBLE CLASS IN THE LUTHER ROOM: The Bible Class in the Luther Room is studying from the Book of Ezra. All are invited to attend. Bring your Bibles.

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:

Saturday, June 5, Help with games at Darmstadt Days
July 20 - 23 Higher Things Youth Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

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.

DARMSTADT DAY: Our congregation will be hosting Darmstadt Day as a community outreach event on Saturday, June 5, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We hope to reach our mission target of families with children and those working toward retirement by offering free food, fellowship, and fun with inflatables, games, car display, polka band, and a country store. Please sign up in the narthex to serve or simply come and enjoy the day and meet our neighbors. See **LINDA SUE KORFF** about items to donate for the country store. All proceeds and donations this year will go to *Youth First* of southwest Indiana. Join us in bringing our “Life Together” to our community.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Next year in 2022 we will celebrate our 175th anniversary. Picking up where Chet Behrman left off, we would like to provide a written and pictorial narrative of the last 25 years of our history here at Trinity Darmstadt. In addition to our church archives, if you have memories, milestones, or stories which you think would be appropriate to include in our church history, please share them with **PASTOR TEMME**.

THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. **PASTOR KURTIS BUELTMANN** of Redeemer Lutheran Church will lead us in an outdoor service on Monday, May 31, at 11:00 AM. at the Cemetery. We hope to be able to serve refreshments in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue. We look forward to seeing you on May 31!

TRAINING SESSION FOR AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM: On May 2nd, there will be a training session after church for anyone who would like to learn the audio/video system used for church services.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH is looking for an organist for the 10:30 AM Divine Service each Sunday. This position will include the opportunity to play Wednesday evening services through the Advent and Lenten seasons as well as an occasional Thursday evening service. Compensation is \$60 per service. The organist will meet with the pastor and obtain hymns selected for each service, as well as provide prelude, offering and postlude music. A copy of the Worship Planning Book will be given to the organist to assist in making selections. The church will be available during the week for practice time. Please contact Janella Power (Janellapower750@gmail.com or (812)319-7979) for more information.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) in Evansville is accepting applicants for the organist position which will be opening in July 2021. Any questions or resumes may be directed to Pastor Gray at pastor@stmarksevansville.org.

JONAH'S FISH FRY

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Friday, May 7, 2021

serving time 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Fish, German Potato Salad, Slaw, Beans, Cupcakes

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

Tickets: \$10

Tickets available at Trinity-Darmstadt Church office

Any questions please call **BEV RACINE** at 812-867-2306



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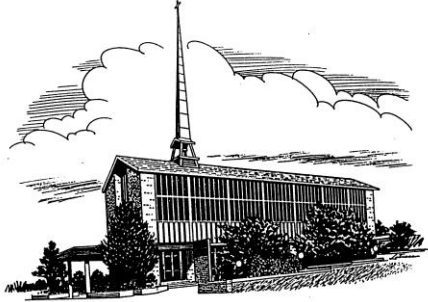
Cheers to **ELIZABETH KNEA**, who received her Eagle Scout Award. Way to go!

Cheers to **JERRY & ELLJEAN NICHOLS**, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on April 18th.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DARMSTADT

NEWSLETTER



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Man

In the First Article of the Creed, we confess that God made heaven and earth. He created all living things, plants and animals. He also created man. But is man just another animal? Is he no different than a dog or an ox or a chipmunk? Some people think that man is just a more highly developed animal. Others think that man is a blight on the earth which should be exterminated. But the Bible tells us that man is God's most important visible creation. How so?

Genesis chapters one and two tell us how God made all living things. On the fifth day of creation, God spoke, and the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea came into being. On the sixth day God spoke, and the land animals came into being. But God created man specially. God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being. God breathed his Spirit into Adam and gave him a spirit or soul. Unlike the animals, man is two parts, body and soul. God also formed Eve specially. He took one of the ribs of Adam and formed Eve. Man is special in how God created him.

But man is also special in that God made man in his image. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27) What does it mean to be made in the image of God? It means man was made with some of God's attributes or characteristics. While man was not made eternal, almighty, all-knowing, or present everywhere like God, he was made loving, merciful, gracious, faithful, good, just, and holy. Adam and Eve truly knew God and were perfectly happy in him. They were righteous and holy, doing God's will.

Man was also God's most important visible creation in that God gave him dominion over all the earth. God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." God commanded Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:26, 28) Man was not on an equal par with the animals; he was to be their ruler and master. Man was not a blight on the earth; he was to fill the earth. However, man was not to ravage the earth, but care for it. "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15) It was always God's intention for man to work and be a good steward of God's creation.

While God created everything "good" and without sin, man and animals included, God did give man a free will. This means that while man was created inherently good, he could choose to do evil. God gave Adam a choice. "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17) God gave Adam this one command so that Adam could show his love and worship of God. God did not make Adam his robot, preprogrammed to say, "I love you." God loved man and gave him the free choice to return his love by keeping his commandment or reject his love by breaking it.

Unfortunately, through the outside influence of the devil, man chose evil. Adam and Eve sinned and lost the image of God. They were no longer holy and righteous doing God's will, nor would they be able to do so no matter how hard they tried. Their will and intellect lost the ability to truly know God and please him. Man lost the image of God and his free will.

However, the remnant of God's special creation in man continues. Man is unlike all other animals in that he reasons, communicates in language, both oral and written, makes laws and administers justice. Man is unlike the animals in that his spirit, fallen though it may be, still seeks to worship God. Man's churches, synagogues, temples, and mosques which dot the surface of the earth give evidence of man's spirit and his fallen knowledge of God. Man still rules over the earth, though in a sinful way which often pollutes and destroys God's creatures and creation rather than caring for it.

But you are still God's special creation. He created you, both body and soul. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13) And though you were born in the image of sinful Adam and could not truly love God, he loved you and redeemed you, both body and soul, through his Son Jesus Christ who became man. In Christians, God has begun to rebuild his image through the New Man, born of water and the Spirit, but only in heaven will we be fully restored.

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