

During the month of July, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **MARY DENNIS, NEIL WATHEN, JOHN BROCK, DORIS TURPIN, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O'RISKY, MARGARET CHEANEY, and WANDA KAHRE.**



<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, July 3.....17	
Sunday, July 4.....63	21
Saturday, July 10.....12	
Sunday, July 11.....72	19
Saturday, July 17.....18	
Sunday, July 18.....60	28
Saturday, July 24.....10	
Sunday, July 25.....76	68 (mission festival)

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

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

PASTOR TEMME'S BIBLE CLASS: Please join us for a study of the book of Joshua. In August we will see how the Lord's victories enable His people to live in their land inheritance as heirs of all His covenant promises.

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

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to an open house in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday August 7, 2021 from 12-5 to celebrate **ELIZABETH KNEA'S** High School Graduation and to send her off with blessings to college at Purdue University.

FELLOWSHIP BONFIRE: Please join the **TEMME'S** for a bonfire in their backyard for a night of food, fellowship, and a corn hole tournament on Sunday, August 8 at 6:00 PM. Bring your own meat to cook, lawn chairs, a side dish to share, and your favorite yard game. Park along the right side of the driveway.

August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 145:10-21; Exodus 16:2-15; John 6:22-35
"Full Faith" - Sermon Text: John 6:22-35 - Rev. William Mueller

August 8, 2021 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 19:1-8; John 6:35, 41-51
"It's A Wonderful Life!" - Sermon Text: John 6:35, 41-51 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

August 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 34:12-22; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; John 6:51-59
"Our Rededication Pledge" - Sermon Text: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 14; Isaiah 29:11-19; Mark 7:1-13
"Inspecting the House" - Sermon Text: Mark 7:6 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 51:2, 7, 10-12; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:14-23
"Hearts Made Clean" - Sermon Text: Mark 7:14-15 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

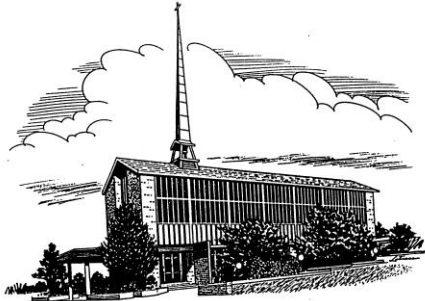
THANK YOU: Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt: Please accept our sincere gratitude for selecting Youth First as the recipient of the 2021 Darmstadt Day charitable proceeds. Your donation of \$2066 to Youth First helps strengthen the resiliency and well-being of thousands of young people in Indiana. Because of charitable contributions like yours, nearly 41,000 students, plus their parents/caregivers and teachers, have access to mental health supports, evidence-based prevention programs, and social-emotional services. We are very grateful for your generosity!

Julie Hoon – Youth First

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True God

Who is Jesus? A Jehovah's Witness would tell you that Jesus is the son of God, but only God's special creation. Jesus is a creature, a man like us who are also sons of God by faith. But Jesus himself is not God. A Moslem would tell you that Jesus is a great prophet who taught and did miracles like other prophets, but Jesus is still just a man. Again, Jesus is not God. But we Christians believe that Jesus is God. In the Apostles' Creed we confess "I believe in God." Then we go on to confess the three persons of the Trinity – "the Father Almighty . . . and Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord . . . and the Holy Spirit." In the Nicene Creed we confess the same thing. "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty . . . and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made." We are very clear that Jesus is not a creature who was created. He was "not made." Even though we are sons of God by faith in Christ, there is no one else like Jesus. He is the "only-begotten Son of God." He is "very God of very God . . . being of one substance with the Father." Jesus is cut out of the same divine stuff as God the Father. Jesus is God! But how do we know all this from Holy Scripture?

One of the most well known verses of the Bible is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." The King James version uses the words "only begotten Son." The Greek word here is "monogenes," meaning "only birth." Women *bear* children, but men *beget* children. So we use the English term "only begotten" or "one and only." God the Father begat only one Son. Though we are sons of God by faith, born with a

new spirit by baptism and the Word, Jesus Christ is the only Son of God by birth. A human father begets human children. Flesh begets flesh. But Divinity begets Divinity. The Son of God is also God.

We know Jesus is God because he has divine names and is called God. From Isaiah we hear, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Immanuel means "God with us." When Thomas saw his risen Lord, he confessed, "My Lord and my God." The apostle Paul writes, "Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is *God* over all, forever praised." (Romans 9:5) The apostle John writes, "[Jesus Christ] is the true *God* and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

We know that Jesus is God because he possesses divine attributes, qualities or characteristics of God. Jesus is eternal, without beginning or end. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." (John 1:1-2) Jesus is that Word. Jesus is immutable or unchangeable. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Jesus is omnipotent or almighty. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18) Jesus performed miracles: healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, changing water into wine, calming the storm. Other prophets did miracles by the power of God but often called upon God in prayer to perform the miracle. After the miracle they gave praise to God. But Jesus made no such prayers for help and accepted praise from men after performing a miracle because he is God. Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews, "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves." (John 14:11) Jesus is omniscient or all knowing. Peter confessed, "Lord, you know all things." Jesus knew about Nathaniel before he saw him. He knew what the Pharisees were thinking in their minds, and he knew about the past sins of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus is also omnipresent or present everywhere. Jesus told his disciples, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

We know Jesus is God because he does divine works which only God can do. Jesus forgives. He forgave the paralytic and the woman caught in adultery. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." (Matthew 9:6) Jesus created. "Through him all things were made; without him was nothing made that has been made." (John 1:3) Jesus will judge. "[The Father] has given him authority to judge." (John 5:27)

We know Jesus is God because he receives divine honor and glory. "The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him." (John 5:22-23) "Let all God's angels worship him." (Hebrews 1:6) When men ever bowed down in worship to an apostle or angel, they always told the men to stand up because they were not God. But Jesus never denied divine worship of himself because he is God.

It has been said, "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck." The same logic applies. If Jesus has divine names, has divine attributes, does divine works, and receives divine honor and glory, he must be divine. He must be God.

We might also consider the claims that Jesus made about himself to be God. Jesus angered the Jews when he said, "I and the Father are one." They picked up stones to stone him. When Jesus asked them why, they replied, "For blasphemy, because you, a mere man, *claim to be God.*" At his trial before the Sanhedrin, the high priest put Jesus under oath and

commanded him, "Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus replied, "Yes, it is as you say." The council immediately voted to condemn Jesus to death for blasphemy. Jesus was crucified because he claimed to be God. The Christian author C.S. Lewis wrote that if Jesus is not God then he must either be a liar or a lunatic.

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. . . Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God."

As Christians, we confess with the apostles that Jesus is God. Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Thomas saw the risen Jesus and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." So we too confess in the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God . . . Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Pastor Temme

"CHEERS & TEARS"



Cheers to **PATRICK ELPERS & ASHLEY NALLEY** who were married here on July 17th. Blessings to them always.

Cheers to **PASTOR MICHAEL & IRENE PAUL**, LCMS Missionaries to Taiwan, who preached and spoke to us after church on July 25th. They are doing great things in Taiwan.

THANK YOU: We thank the mission committee of **KRIS KAHRE, JEFF SENSMEIER**, and **JIM & DOTTIE KAHRE** for making all the arrangements for our Mission Festival on July 25. In addition to the church's budgeted \$5,000 to support Pastor Paul as our adopted missionary to Taiwan, our members personally donated another \$1,209 for his support.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is still enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year, flyers and other information can be found on the preschool table in the back of church.

We are also hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. We are looking for 2 part time assistant teachers, hours will vary.

Every year we've been blessed by this congregation with helping gather extra supplies and snacks for our students. Each year I am amazed at the outpouring of love we receive. If you would like to bless the preschool for the upcoming school year, the preschool wish list will be on the preschool table in July & August.

This year, I was asked to create an Amazon wish list, if you would like to order from our Amazon list, the link is on our website.

We are grateful for this congregation and continued support.

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Fun for the whole Family Games

Lutheran Bingo

Attendance Prizes

Ice Cream Floats

Food—Fun—Fellowship

Fried Chicken, Lemonade, Iced Tea and Tableware will be provided.

Bring a Covered Dish, Salad and/or Dessert to share.

Casual Dress for church