



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

September 5, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Mark 7:31-37

“All Things Well” - Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

September 12, 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10; Mark 9:14-29

“I Believe...Help!” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:14-29 - Rev. William Mueller

September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

“Driven by Fear or Faith?” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:35-37 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 104:27-34; James 5:13-18; Mark 9:42-50

“Powerful Prayer” - Sermon Text: James 5:13-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier

CUSTODIAN: Due to the (wonderful) growth in the Pre-School program this fall, we will soon be looking for a Custodian to clean the preschool each afternoon / evening. We are developing the duties and responsibilities list which will be available soon.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the Church office.

During the month of August, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **MARGE DAVID, JERRY NICHOLS, RAY STEINKUHL, DOTTIE KAHRE, KATHY RAMSEY, PAT DENNIS, WAYNE, KARON, DEAN & 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 31.....10	
Sunday, August 1.....65	12
Saturday, August 7.....13	
Sunday, August 8.....64	24
Saturday, August 14.....8	
Sunday, August 15.....61	30
Saturday, August 21.....16	
Sunday, August 22.....69	Church Picnic 60

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@tidarm.org

PASTOR TEMME’S BIBLE CLASS: In September we will conclude the book of Joshua with God’s covenant renewal with His people. Our next topic will be a study of the book of James.

NEW ADDRESSES/CELL PHONES/EMAILS: We are going to put together a new Pictorial Directory. If you have a new address, cell phone and/or email, please let the office know.

CHOIR AND HANDBELL PRACTICE: The **CHOIR** will it’s first practice in the fellowship hall on **September 2, at 7:30 PM**, and **HANDBELL PRACTICE** will begin **September 16 at 6:30 PM**. Please call or text **PAULA REININGA** at 483-5988 if you plan to return or would like to join handbells. We are always in need of new voices and ringers to give praise to our Lord.

“CHEERS & TEARS”

TO THE SARAHS AND ALL THE OTHER LADIES AT TRINITY WHO THINK THAT IT HAS COME TIME FOR THEM TO BECOME SARAHS:

the old folks have a saying, “If the Good Lord be willing and the creek don’t rise.” Add to that, “and we don’t have another covid spike serious enough to bring on another lockdown,” and there are hopes for re-convening class on Thursday, September 9th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our study book continues to be whatever translation of the Bible you wish to carry in. **CONTEST!!** Who can remember where we left off over a year ago? Were we studying one of the history books, like II Kings? A prophet, like Jeremiah? One of the wisdom books, such as Job? (There are no medals or cups, only considerable glory for all whose memories are that good).

ADDED INDUCEMENTS: Coffee by Liz at 9:00 AM accompanied by treats by Linda T. Fellowship by everybody. To open our study, musical accompaniment for our singing by Marilyn. Closing prayers to be led by Valerie.

GREETINGS SISTERS IN CHRIST! On behalf of the Evangelism Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Henderson, KY, we are overjoyed to invite you to a day of Bible Study and fellowship. On Saturday, September 18th beginning at 8:30 A.M. we will be sponsoring a Women’s Retreat featuring soul-stirring, engaging speaker, author, Bible teacher, and worship leader, Donna Snow. Donna has a passion for studying and teaching God’s Word. Her clear, down-to-earth style encourages women of all ages to wholeheartedly love, serve, and live for Jesus Christ. Donna will be leading a study on “Perseverance – Praying Through Life’s Challenges/A Nehemiah Battle Plan” based on her 2019 study of Nehemiah.

- The Retreat will be held at The Lumber Yard Event Center located at 512 Barret Blvd., (just off “The Strip” behind Thornton’s) in Henderson, KY.
- Your Registration fee of \$12.00 is due with your registration.
- Registration deadline is September 1, 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact the church office: 270-826-4337 or Pastor Mark A. Moog at 812-454-1575 or mamoog52@gmail.com.

Thank you and see you on September 18th !!

If you'd like to carpool, let Linda Temme know and meet in the parking lot at 7:50.

We'll plan to leave the parking lot at 8:00 AM.



Cheers to **DIANA & GENE DUNKELBARGER** and **JACOB LETTERMAN**, who helped **ALAN** with the floor removal in the school.

Cheers to the **BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP** who put on a great Church Picnic this year!

Cheers to **PASTOR MARTIN** and **SAMMY KELLER**, who retired from the ministry and duties as organist. Enjoy!

Cheers to the following person, who celebrated a milestone birthday in August:
MILDRED ISAACS’ 97th birthday on August 23rd.

Cheers to the following couples, who celebrated an anniversary in August:
ROGER & PAT DENNIS, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on August 15th.
WAYNE & KARON WATHEN, who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 28th.

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 1 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 through 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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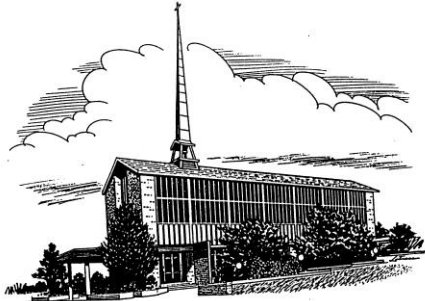
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True Man

Who is Jesus? In last month's newsletter, we made it very clear that Jesus is God. The Bible shows that Jesus has divine names, has divine attributes, does divine works, and receives divine honor and glory; therefore, he must be divine. Jesus claimed to be God, one with his Father in heaven, and was convicted and condemned to death because of this claim. In the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creed we confess that we believe in one God who is three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are all equally God. But we also confess that Jesus "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary." Jesus "was incarnate (in flesh) by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made *MAN*." We confess that Jesus is true God but at the same time that he is also true man. We confess that while Jesus is one person, he has two natures, divine and human.

Over the years, false teachers have challenged this confession that Jesus is true man. Already in the first century a false teaching arose among the *Gnostics*, those who claimed to have a secret knowledge from the apostles not recorded in Scripture. They taught that there was an evil creator god who made the material universe and a good god who dwelled in the spiritual realms. They reasoned that all flesh is evil and, therefore, Christ could not have come in the flesh. Christ only appeared to be in a body, but he was a mere apparition. In the fourth century, the bishop Apollinarius tried to explain the union of God and man in Christ by saying that Jesus had a body but not a soul. The Divinity of God replaced the human spirit of Jesus. Other philosophers have reasoned that "the finite cannot contain the infinite." It is impossible for the infinite God of the universe to fit in a finite human baby. And with our finite minds we might reason the same thing ourselves. "How can God also be man?" How can we know that Jesus is both true God and true man? Because the Bible tells me so.

The Scriptures foretold from the very beginning that the Messiah, the Christ, would be a seed or offspring of the woman, Eve. (Genesis 3:15) Isaiah prophesied that the virgin will give birth to a *child* and will call his name Immanuel, which means God with us. (Isaiah 7:14) The Gospels record this virgin birth of God in a child. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Before Mary and Joseph came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. The same angel comforted Joseph to take Mary home as his wife "because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son." Therefore, the Scriptures teach us that Christ, the Son of God, received a true human body and soul in the Virgin Mary through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, not through a human father.

The Scriptures also clearly call Jesus man. "There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the *man* Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5) The Scriptures say that Christ has a human body. After he had risen from the dead, Jesus told his disciples, "Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." (Luke 24:39) But the Scriptures also say that Christ has a human soul. In the garden Jesus said, "My *soul* is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." (Matthew 26:38) And on the cross when Jesus died, he gave up his *spirit*. The Bible also speaks of Christ's human, but sinless, feelings and actions. He hungered. (Matthew 4:2) He wept. (John 11:35) He thirsted. (John 19:28) The book of Hebrews reminds us, "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin." (Hebrews 4:15) Jesus was not conceived with original sin which we inherited from our parents. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was conceived without sin.

In his Epistles, the apostle John refutes the Gnostics who did not believe that Jesus came in the flesh. He writes, "Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the *flesh* is from God." (1 John 4:2) "Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the *flesh*, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist." (2 John 1:7)

Though our finite minds may not understand it, the Bible continues to speak of the divine and human natures of Christ, united in one person. "The Word became *flesh* and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) "The mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a *body*." (1 Timothy 3:16) "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in *bodily* form." (Colossians 2:9) "To us a child is born . . . and He will be called . . . Mighty God." (Isaiah 9:6) "The *blood* of Jesus Christ, His Son, purifies us from every sin." According to the Scriptures, the finite does contain the infinite.

The personal union of God and Man in Jesus Christ began at his incarnation and continues forever. This explains how Jesus can be both 30 years old during his earthly ministry and eternal at the same time. As God, he has no beginning, but as man he has a beginning. After he ascended into heaven to the right hand of the Father, Jesus did not shed his humanity but remains God and man today. In this way the omnipresent God can still give us his body and blood to eat and drink in the Lord's Supper.

In next month's newsletter we will answer the question, "So what?" Why was it necessary for our Savior to be both true God and true man?

Pastor Temme