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February 6, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 100; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

“Like Isaiah” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Luke 6:17-26

“Blessed” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:20 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 45:3-15; Luke 6:27-38

“The Baptized Life” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-28 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

February 27, 2022 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

During the month of January, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **MARGE DAVID, RAY LAUGHBAUM, JEFF SENSMEIER, DAVE COOMER, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN,** and **HELEN MARIE WORTMANN**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 2.....	66
Saturday, January 8.....	8
Saturday, January 9.....	59
Saturday, January 15	11
Sunday, January 16.....	61
Saturday, January 22.....	8
Sunday, January 23.....	78

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

ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE: The last day to order your Anniversary Merchandise is February 4th. The website to order from is americanhoneymarket.com and then go to Store and you will find Trinity 175th anniversary. You can order directly from that page. If you don't have internet access, Trisha in the office will order for you. Order forms are in the fellowship hall.

BIBLE CLASS: In February we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke with the nativity, presentation, and childhood accounts of Jesus.

HYMN FESTIVAL: We invite our community to a celebration of the 175th anniversary of our parish with a hymn festival featuring our new organ played by local members of the *American Guild of Organists*. Hymns and organ voluntaries will be from the praise and adoration section of our hymnal. Following the service will be a reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres in the parish hall.

LENT SERVICES: In this festival year of the 175th anniversary of our church, please join us for our midweek and holy week services which will show how the feasts and festivals of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus Christ by His incarnation, passion, death, resurrection, ascension, and return from heaven for us. Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 7:00 PM.

LENT DINNERS: If your board or organization would like to serve one of the Lent dinners on March 9, 16, 30, or April 6, please contact the church office.

175TH ANNIVERSARY: If you did not pick up a new pictorial directory or anniversary book for your household, they are available in the narthex.

WE COLLECTED 103 pairs of warm socks and 8 pairs of shorts. What an awesome response. These were delivered to the Evansville Rescue Mission.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: (that's, all of you LADIES) a RARE OPPORTUNITY – How often have you had made available an opportunity to study First &

Second Chronicles? That is the next portion of Scripture planned for Sarah Bible Class sessions. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the exact start time. Class begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Thursdays. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021: Now that 2021 is over, if any board would like to submit a report for the Annual Report please have them into the office by February 6th. Thanks, Trisha

THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY'S ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER is in full operation and will go on until the end of February 2022. The monies collected are used for the daily operation of the cemetery, augmented with income from the perpetual care fund. That pays the mowing and utility bills etc and your help is greatly appreciated. If the hectic holiday schedule has helped you to forget, or put your donation on the back burner this is a gentle reminder. The Cemetery is a 501-C-13 non profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Also now is a good time to remind our Lutheran Family's that on the 1st of April 2022 grave prices will go up. We at the cemetery highly recommend the purchase of lots or graves before the need arises. The sudden and unexpected loss of a family member can be very stressful and emotional. As Always remember us in your prayers during these troubling and uncertain times.

“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the three people retiring from the Altar Circle after many, many years of service. They are **MEVELYN FEAGLEY, DOTTIE KAHRE, and LIZ KRIETEMEYER.** We would like to say "THANK YOU" from our church for the many ways you have served the Altar Circle.

Cheers to the three new members of the Altar Circle: **LINDA BROCK, KATHY GILKEY, and GLENNA REININGA.**

Cheers to the people who helped the altar circle put up the decorations especially the men, **BOB EBERHART, JOHN BROCK, GARY GANN, SAMUEL** and **JACKSON OTTO** and taking down the decorations was **PASTOR TEMME, JOHN BROCK, BOB EBERHART, GARY GANN, and RON KORFF.** Also, Thank you to all our ladies, **LINDA BROCK, KATHY BUMB, HAZEL ENGLISH, DIANA DUNKELBARGER, VALERIE EBERHART, ANITRA GANN, KATHY GILKEY, LINDA RAE KORFF, LINDA SUE KORFF, NANCY KORFF, GLENNA REININGA** and **KAROL ROBBINS.** Thank you one and all, the altar circle could not have done it without all of you!

Cheers to the following people who celebrated milestone birthdays in January:

DON KECK – JANUARY 7th – 90 years old

NEW ADDRESSES

MARGE DAVID - Wyndmoor Nursing Home, 6521 Greendale Drive, room 204
Her mailing address is 15000 McCutchan Road, 47725

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is enrolling for 2022-2023! If you know anyone looking for a preschool (Ages 2-5) please share our preschool with them. Parents that enroll by March 1, 2022 will receive a \$150 tuition credit.

Our little Ceasars pizza kits should be in February 7. This date is weather dependent. Please plan on picking up as soon as possible.
Thank you!

The preschool is in need of a couple assistant teachers. If you know anyone looking to work in childcare, please let them know we have flexible openings.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the whole Trinity Family for all the love, prayers and support for Margaret Cheaney throughout her 88 years, all of them with Trinity. Special thanks to Pastor Temme and Pastor Knea for their visits and prayers over the last several years, especially as she transitioned to join the Lord. God's blessing to all and to Trinity.
The Family of Margaret Cheaney

Dear Trinity,
We would like to thank Pastor Temme and all the wonderful people at Trinity for the many prayers and visit to our Mom Marty Koch over the past year. She was blessed to have such a great church family.
Cathy Butler and Shelley Wargel

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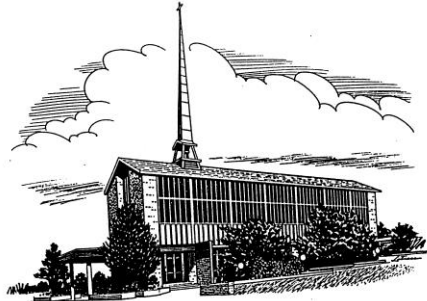
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THE STATE OF EXALTATION

In last month's newsletter article we discussed Christ's *state of humiliation*. Christ's humiliation was not that he became man, but that as God and man he laid aside the full use of his divine powers, took the form of a servant, and suffered and died for us. His *state of exaltation*, however, is not that he ceased being man, but that as God and man he now fully and always uses his divine powers for the benefit of his Church. Christ in his state of exaltation now reigns in his resurrected body as king over all creation. We compared Christ's states of humiliation and exaltation to the states of water. Though water retains the same chemical composition throughout, it looks differently and functions differently depending on its state of solid, liquid, or gas. Likewise, Christ retains his two natures, divine and human, though he may look differently and work differently depending on his state of humiliation or exaltation. Understanding these states helps us better understand Christ and his work for us.

The portion of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed which reflects Christ's state of exaltation are the words:

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead."

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

He ascended into heaven

The third day he rose again from the dead.

"He descended into hell.

Notice the steps upward. Philippians chapter 2 describes Christ's state of exaltation. "Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Christ's exaltation began when he was made alive by the Holy Spirit on Easter morning. He then descended into hell, not to suffer punishment, but to proclaim his victory over sin, death, and the devil. Christ appeared alive to his disciples for 40 days. He retained his resurrected body, which the disciples could see and touch, even placing their fingers into the marks of his crucifixion. Jesus retained the same bodily functions of every other human being. He breathed upon his disciples and ate fish with them. But in his exalted state, Jesus also did things with his body that no one else could. Using his divine powers, Jesus entered rooms with locked doors by walking through walls. He appeared and disappeared before his disciples. At his ascension, Jesus flew up into the clouds like superman.

In his exaltation, Christ now reigns at the right hand of God the Father. But this seat beside the Father indicates a position of power, not a confined location where he resides in his body in six feet of space. Christ as God is still omnipresent (present everywhere). But using his divine powers, Christ can also be present everywhere *in his body*. The apostle Paul tells us that Christ ascended into heaven for this very reason. "He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe." (Ephesians 4:10) In his humiliation, Christ walked from village to village and appeared as only a man. He was present in only one location at a time. But in his exaltation, Christ can now be present everywhere. He doesn't leave his body behind in heaven, but Christ can be in many locations at once in his body.

The exalted Christ appeared to the apostle John in a vision in Revelation. John describes Christ, the ruler of the kings of the earth. "His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance." (Revelation 1:14-16) John saw a glimpse of Christ's divine glory on the Mount of Transfiguration for a short time. But in this vision, John sees Christ in his glory in his state of exaltation for all eternity. Christ is certainly a powerful and glorious king who is present everywhere to reign over heaven and all the kingdoms of the earth.

But in his state of exaltation, Christ can also be present everywhere specifically for the benefit of his Church. Just before his ascension, Jesus promised his disciples, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Christ is present in our worship wherever two or three are gathered in his name. Christ is present in his Word and in his Sacrament. But how come we don't see him with eyes blazing, face shining, and skin glowing? Because Christ chooses to appear in a way that our frail human minds can receive him. He remains invisible. And yet Christ is still present in his body though we can't see him. How can this be? I can see a glass of liquid water, feel the wetness with my fingers, and even drink it through my mouth. But in a different state, that same water can evaporate into the air and become invisible. I can't see it or feel it or taste it, and yet it's still there. I can even inhale the water vapor through my mouth. In an even greater way, Christ who is God can make his body invisible. Though we can't see him or feel him or taste him, Christ is present in his body in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. And not just in one location at a time. In his state of exaltation, Christ is present in all his churches all around the world.

Pastor Temme