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March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent - Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
 "The Word is Near You" - Sermon Text: Romans 10:8b-13 - Rev. William Mueller

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent - Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
 "What A Contrast!" - Sermon Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent - Psalm 106:4-12; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Luke 13:1-9
 "The Sea Crossing: A Type" - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Psalm 32:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32
 "The Prodigal Father" - Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 - Rev. Thomas Eggold



During the month of February, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **KARON WATHEN, JUDI REININGA, PAT DENNIS, JEFF SENSMEIER, KATHY COOMER, LINDA SUE KORFF, MARGE DAVID, DAVE COOMER, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, and HELEN MARIE WORTMANN**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, February 5.....8	
Sunday, February 6.....41	18
Saturday, February 12.....8	
Sunday, February 13.....64	17
Saturday, February 19.....17	
Sunday, February 20.....74	30

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: In March we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke with the ministry of John the Baptist, the baptism of Jesus, His genealogy, and temptation in the wilderness.

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, please contact the church office.

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 Ezra? That is the next portion of Scripture planned for Sarah Bible Class sessions. Class begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Thursdays. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

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.

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 out 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 un expected loss of a family member can be very stressful and emotional. As Always remember us in your prayers during these troubling and uncertain times.

SHOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES AND CHANGING LIVES WITH HABITAT! Lutherans for Habitat is looking for members of local Lutheran congregations to join them in their work with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville! Help support Habitat's mission of seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities through planning, volunteering and fundraising efforts. Since 1993, Lutherans for Habitat has helped **30 local families** build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter! Want to learn how you can get involved? Lutherans for Habitat will be holding their next meeting at the Habitat Evansville office at **560 E Diamond Avenue on March 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 PM**. A Zoom option will also be available. For more information, contact Julia Clark, Faith Relations Manager, at 812-423-5623 x228 or jclark@evansvillehabitat.org.

CEMETERY BOARD: Another congregation member is needed to help mark gravesites before burials. If you would like to serve, please contact **RON KORFF** or **DEAN KAHRE**.

2021 CHOICE DOLLARS®: Start 2022 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2021 Choice Dollars®* till the end of the month. With over 45,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars or making a personal donation, contact our call center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to: **DON & ALICE KECK**, who celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on February 28th.

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 May 1, 2022 will receive a \$75 tuition credit.

THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Temme and Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity at your 175th anniversary celebration! We were delighted to participate as a chapter, and we hope your church enjoys many more happy years.

Best wishes, Ryan Luttrell

Dean, Evansville AGO

We thank all those who served at our hymn festival on February 6, especially **KEVIN ELLERBUSCH** who organized the program and **JEFF SENSMEIER** and the **BOARD of SOCIAL MINISTRY** for hosting the reception. You may watch the service online at <https://youtu.be/DxgxdT1KbWk>.

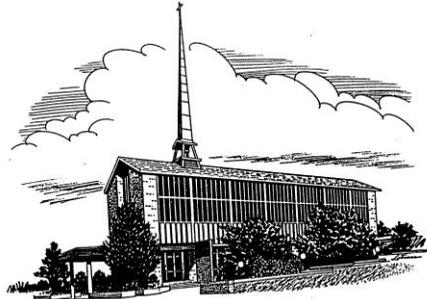
Thanks for the phone calls, get well cards and your prayers. A special Thank you to Barb Fendrich for all the wonderful food she brought to us because I was not able to cook for a while. Also, to Joe & Janice Martin for the good food they brought to us and a very special Thank You to Linda Temme and Janice Martin for their hard work in cleaning the kitchen. They were a real blessing for all they did. I was just too weak from the pneumonia. I am getting stronger and hopefully I can get back to church very soon. Thank you to Pastor Temme for his phone call, visits, transportation and especially his prayers. I Thank God that he is getting me stronger.

God Bless you all, Karon Wathen

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REDEMPTION AND ATONEMENT

In the past few months our newsletter article has been reviewing the Second Article of the Creed, concerning Christ's person and work. We have discussed Christ's two natures (human and divine), his three offices (prophet, priest, and king), and his two states (humiliation and exultation). But today we focus upon his specific work. For what purpose did the Son of God become man, humiliate himself, and serve as our prophet, priest, and king? The answer is for his work of redemption and atonement of all mankind.

Redeem is a merchant term. It means to "purchase" or "buy back." In the Old Testament, a person could sell a piece of property and then buy it back or *redeem* it. To redeem implies a change of ownership. The Lord said to the Israelites, "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will *redeem* you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God." (Exodus 6:6-7) The Lord redeemed the Israelites from slavery to the Egyptians, and the Israelites became his own.

Atone means to "make satisfaction." After a criminal has served his punishment time in prison, he is released because he has made satisfaction to society for his crime. In the Old Testament, a sinner would make an animal sacrifice to atone for his sins to God. The sacrifice was not so much a payment but a substitution. The slain animal suffered and died in place of the sinner to satisfy God for his sin.

From whom or what did Christ redeem us and why? In the Luther's explanation to the Second Article he says, "Jesus Christ . . . has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil." Christ redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil because we were under their control. Christ redeemed us from all our sins by taking our guilt and punishment upon himself. He freed us from the slavery of sin. Christ redeemed us from death by triumphing over death in his resurrection. Since he now gives us eternal life, we need not fear death. Christ redeemed us from the power of the devil by overcoming temptation for us and undoing the devil's work. The devil can no longer accuse us of our sins, and we can resist his temptations.

With what has Christ redeemed us? Again, Luther says, "Christ has redeemed me . . . not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death." Luther's words echo those of the apostle Peter. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." (1 Peter 1:18-19) In the shedding of his blood and his suffering and death, Christ is the fulfillment of the animal sacrifices which made atonement for sin. Christ is our substitute who takes our place under God's judgment. By paying the penalty of our guilt, Christ atoned, or made satisfaction to God, for our sins. Here we see that Jesus was not paying the devil or making satisfaction to him. The devil is our accuser and jailor, but God owes him nothing. Rather Jesus is paying God himself who is our judge. Jesus makes satisfaction to God for our sins.

Has Christ redeemed only believers in him? No, Christ has redeemed us and all people. We call this the universal atonement. The apostle John tells us, "[Christ] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2) Peter says of unbelieving false prophets that "They deny the Lord who bought them." (2 Peter 2:1) Christ redeemed all people, believers and unbelievers alike; however, unbelievers reject Christ's redemption and atonement and refuse to leave their imprisonment to sin, death, and the devil.

Which leads us to the question, "For what purpose did Christ redeem us?" Did Christ only redeem us so that we could continue to live in sin? By no means! Redemption implies a change of ownership. Christ purchased us from sin, death, and the devil not so we could be our own and live like our sinful flesh desires, but so that we would be his own and live like he desires. Luther says, "Christ redeemed me . . . so that I may be own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." We are freed from the slavery of sin and now freed to serve God. We confess the words of the apostle Paul, "[Christ] died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Corinthians 5:15) I know that my Redeemer lives!

Pastor Temme