



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

April 3, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Luke 20:9-20

“Cornerstone of Salvation” - Sermon Text: Luke 20:17b - Rev. Shayne Jonker

April 10, 2022 – Sunday of the Passion

Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43

“A Troubled Soul” - Sermon Text: John 12:20-43 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Psalm 16; Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12

“Created New from Empty” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 65:17-25 - Rev. William Mueller

April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

“Jesus Enters Locked Doors” - Sermon Text: John 20:19, 36 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

YOUTH LOCK-IN FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 6:00 PM - Supper, devotion, fun & games. Bring a sleeping bag/pillow, a snack to share, and games.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – We’ll leave the parking lot early for the 3 ¼ hour road trip to the Newport Aquarium in Kentucky. <https://www.newportaquarium.com/> Reservations are required by April 5.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign runs through Lent, **March 2 – April 10**. Every day from **7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**, you have the opportunity to pray while standing, sitting, or walking on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 125 N. Weinbach Ave. Sign up to pray for one hour by calling 812-474-3195 OR at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/evansville> (Create an account first).

During the month of March, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **JOE KNEA, PAT DENNIS, JEFF SENSMEIER, KATHY COOMER, MARGE DAVID, DAVE COOMER, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, and HELEN MARIE WORTMANN**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Ash Wednesday.....49	
Saturday, March 5.....8	
Sunday, March 6.....58	24
Lenten Service.....40	
Saturday, March 12.....6	
Sunday, March 13.....65	34
Lenten Service.....40	
Saturday, March 19.....13	
Sunday, March 20.....63	30
Lenten Service.....45	

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 April **PASTOR TEMME’S** Class will continue our study of the Gospel of Luke with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness and the calling of his first disciples. **ALAN LETTERMAN’S** Class will continue with Ezekiel.

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 ZACHARIAH? 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.

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. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services begin at 7:00 PM, Saturday Easter Vigil service begins at 6:30 PM, and Sunday Easter morning service begins at 9:30 AM with breakfast beforehand at 8:00 AM hosted by the LLL.

CONFIRMATION REUNION: On May 22 we will celebrate our 175th anniversary with a reunion of our past confirmation classes. If you have pictures or anecdotes of your confirmation, class, or pastor from Trinity Darmstadt or from another church where you were confirmed, please submit them to Pastor Temme by Easter. Pictures will be scanned to make a confirmation anniversary book, and the originals will be returned to you.

UKRAINE RELIEF: Our LCMS Office of International Mission is working with partner churches, missionaries, and others in Europe to help care for those fleeing Ukraine. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to donate:

- Text **LCMSUKRAINE** to **41-444**
- Give online at lcms.org/givenow/displaced
- Call the LCMS at [888-930-4438](tel:888-930-4438)

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY: On Saturday, April 2, the men of our congregation are invited for breakfast at 8:30 AM followed by Bible study at 9:00 AM. We will also discuss plans for our Easter breakfast, hosted by the LLL.

POND WORKSHOP: The Soil and Water Conservation District of Vanderburgh County is offering a free pond workshop with speaker Mike Wathen on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 AM to noon, at the County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. Call 812-423-4426, ext 3, to register.

DARMSTADT CLEANUP DAY: If you would like to join our community for a Darmstadt cleanup day on Saturday morning, April 2, from 8-10 AM, meet in the town square. Bring a 5-gallon bucket and wear boots and gloves.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

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“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to **PAT ASKINS** who celebrated her 90th Birthday on March 18th.

Cheers to everyone who hosted and served meals before the Lenten Services.

Cheers to our newest members: **NEIL, NANCY, OLIVIA & MATEO CORBETT – MELINDA CLARK – BARB FENDRICH.** Welcome to the Trinity Family!



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

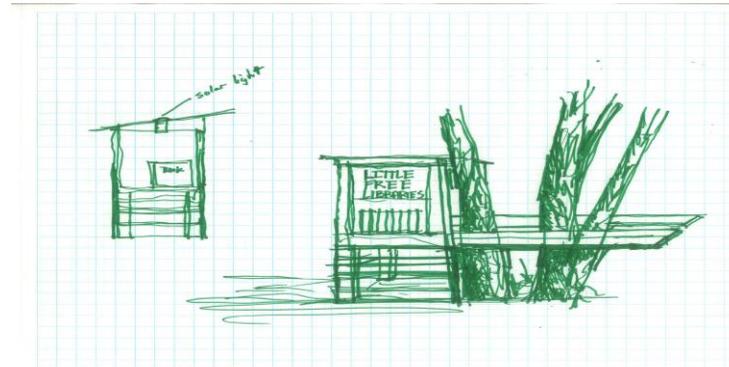
MILDRED ISAACS who died on March 11th

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know anyone looking for a preschool for a child ages 2-5, please let them know we have openings.

We will be hosting an open house on March 29 from 5-7 PM for potential families to visit.

Our final fundraiser of the year will take place in April. Watch the bulletin for more information. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards books to put in our Little Free Library.



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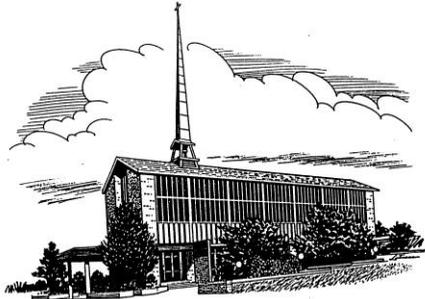
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The Resurrection

In last month's newsletter we discussed Christ's work of redemption and atonement. Upon the cross Jesus suffered and died to pay the price for our sins, take our punishment, and make satisfaction to God. It seems like Christ's work is done. Even on the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished." So why did Jesus have to rise from the dead? Why do we need a bodily resurrection of Christ? The Son of God existed from eternity before he took on flesh and was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary. He was God in spirit for an eternity of time before he became man. So after completing his work of redemption and atonement, which needed a human body to suffer and die, why did he still cling to that human flesh? Why didn't he leave his body behind to decay in the ground and return to being only God in spirit?

To answer these questions, we might first answer the question, "Who did raise Jesus from the dead?" Was he raised by the Father? Did Jesus raise himself? Or was the Holy Spirit involved in some way like he was at Christ's conception? The answer from Scripture is that all three persons of the Trinity were involved. Christ's resurrection was a work of the entire Godhead. Concerning the Father raising the Son, Scripture says, "Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the *Father*." (Romans 6:4) Also, "the glorious *Father* . . . raised [Christ] from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 1:17, 20) Concerning Christ raising himself, Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and *I* will raise it again in three days." . . . But the temple he had spoken of was his body. (John 2:19, 21) Jesus also said, "I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." (John 10:17-18) Concerning the Holy Spirit raising Christ, the Scripture says, "[Christ] was put to death in the body but made alive by the *Spirit*." (1 Peter 3:18) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all three involved in the Resurrection of Christ. But what does this prove?

The Father raising the Son shows that he accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the whole world. Was the shed blood of Christ upon the cross and his death a sufficient ransom to pay for the sins of all mankind? The Father answered a resounding "Yes!" By resurrecting Christ, God the Father put his stamp of approval upon his work of redemption and atonement. "Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) Christ's resurrection proves that we are now justified and declared righteous before God our Father. The Father's resurrection of Christ is actually his pronouncement of absolution upon sinners. As God punished our sins by laying them on Christ and charging them to him, so by raising Christ from the dead he shows his absolution to us. This is the apostle Paul's point when he says, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." (1 Corinthians 15:17) But Christ has been raised by the Father, so we know our sins are forgiven. The Father raising the Son also shows that Christ was not guilty of any sin himself. If Christ had sinned, he would have deserved punishment and death like any sinful human being. He would not be a Savior but a sinner. But by raising Christ from the dead, the Father showed that Christ was innocent of any sin and deserving of life. By raising Christ from the dead, the Father also keeps his promise in Scripture that he wouldn't let his Holy One see decay. (Psalm 16:10) God is faithful.

Christ raising himself shows that he is the Son of God. It shows his deity. If Christ were only a man, the sacrifice of one man couldn't redeem the entire world. The blood of God must hang in the balance in order to tip the scales and redeem all mankind. If Christ were only a man, he couldn't raise himself. But his resurrection proves that he is God and so his ransom was enough. Christ's resurrection also proves that his Word is the truth. Christ prophesied that he would suffer, die, and rise again. If he didn't rise from the dead, then he would have spoken falsely. We would have no reason to believe anything else he said. But Christ did rise from the dead, the most miraculous feat of all. He proved not only that he has the power over death, but also that all his Words to us are true.

The Holy Spirit raising Christ from the dead shows that he is the Lord and giver of life. As God breathed his Spirit into Adam and he became a living being and as the Holy Spirit gave human life to Christ at his incarnation, so he also made alive or vivified Christ in the tomb. The Holy Spirit raising Christ from the dead also shows that it wasn't a split vote among the Trinity. It was unanimous! All three persons of the Godhead were working as one to prove the above truths.

But finally Christ's resurrection from the dead is comforting to us because it shows that all believers in Christ will rise as well. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19) "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26) Christ is described as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20) And "we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2) Not floating spirits haunting the world and not dead zombies in a decayed body, but living sons of God in a glorified body, just like Christ's resurrected body. "After my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God . . . for I know that my Redeemer *lives!*" (Job 19:25-26)

Pastor Temme