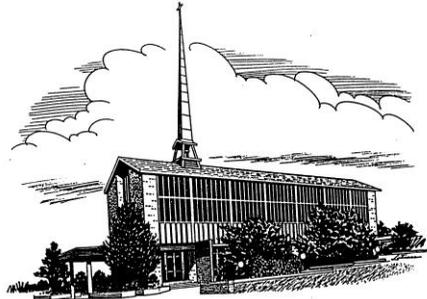


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THE ASCENSION

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” (Acts 1:8-9) And then he was gone! They were . . . left behind! At least that’s how the disciples felt. Two angels came and consoled them, though. They said, “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” “Oh great,” the disciples must have thought. Jesus really is gone for good then. He won’t be back until the Last Day. The Gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus “was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Mark 16:19) Normally, when someone sits down, it means he’s done. He’s finished *his* task. Jesus has finished his task of redeeming the world so now he tags the Holy Spirit who comes down to build the Church and finish the job. No more Jesus until the whistle sounds.

But Jesus promised his disciples, “Behold, I am with you always.” (Matthew 28:20) And the Gospel of Mark says that after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples “went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.” So even though he wasn’t walking beside the disciples like he did before his resurrection, Jesus was still with his disciples as they were his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and beyond. But Jesus is not only with the disciples; he’s with us. Jesus said, “Behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.” Long after the apostles were martyred, Jesus is still with us to the very end of the age. Jesus is still with us to make disciples of all nations, to the end of the earth.

But how is this possible? How can Jesus be with all of us around the world at the same time? Didn’t he ascend into heaven and sit down at the right hand of the Father? Yes, but Jesus did this so he might fill all things. “[Christ] ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.” (Ephesians 4:10) Seated at the right hand of the Father is not a physical location, but it denotes a position of power. “[God] seated [Christ] at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion . . . And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” (Ephesians 1:20-23) Christ in his state of exaltation now has all power and authority from God to rule the world and rule his church. Christ no longer lays aside his divine powers like he did during his humiliation at the time of his earthly ministry. He now fully uses those divine powers for the benefit of his church. So now, Christ can be omnipresent in his body to fill all things. In a sense, Jesus left his disciples and ascended into heaven so that he could be with all of us.

On Sunday morning we don’t board a plane to fly to Jerusalem to worship Jesus at the Temple. Nor is Jesus only at one church at a time each week like he used to travel from synagogue to synagogue in the days of the disciples. After his ascension, Christ is present wherever two or three are gathered in his name. He’s present in our worship service in his Word and his Sacrament, but he’s also present at the churches in Evansville, Indianapolis, and to the ends of the earth in Taiwan.

Since his ascension, Christ is present with us, but we also have the advantage that he is right next to his Father. When we pray in Jesus’ name, Christ pleads and prays for us in the presence of his Father. It is because of Jesus that we sinners can pray to God and address him as “Our Father.” “[Christ] is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

But Christ also ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us there. “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Christ is preparing a special place for you in heaven before he returns.

This is the comfort we have from Christ’s ascension into heaven: his presence with us here and now, his presence for us before God our Father, a prepared place at the table for us in his kingdom, and a guarantee that he will return in the same way that the disciples saw him ascend into heaven.

Pastor Temme



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

May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12; Revelation 5:8-14; John 21:1-14

“Jesus Cares for You” - Sermon Text: John 21:1-14 - Rev. Walter Maier III

May 8, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; Acts 20:17-35; John 10:22-30

“The Shepherd’s Voice” - Sermon Text: John 10:27-28 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

May 15, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

“Hearts will Rejoice!” - Sermon Text: John 16:20 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33

“What’s Going On?” - Sermon Text: John 16:23-33 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

May 29, 2022 – Ascension of Our Lord Observed

Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

“Ascended But Not Far” - Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-53 - Rev. William Mueller

OPEN HOUSE: PASTOR & LINDA TEMME invite you to an Open House lunch Sunday, May 15, 12-2:00 PM in the fellowship hall to celebrate **SILAS'S** high school graduation.

During the month of April, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **DOTTIE KAHRE, RON KORFF, GARY GANN, DIANA DUNKELBARGER, MELINDA CLARK, and HELEN MARIE WORTMANN**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, April 2.....15	
Sunday, April 3.....63	23
Lenten Service.....43	
Saturday, April 9.....16	
Sunday, April 10.....74	27
Maundy Thursday.....46	
Good Friday.....40	
Saturday, April 16.....17	
Sunday, April 17.....102	Easter
Saturday, April 23.....21	
Sunday, April 24.....51	12

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

ACCEPTANCE OF CALL: “After prayerful consideration, it is with great excitement that I accept the call to Trinity Lutheran Preschool as a teacher. I look forward to being a part of this tremendous team and furthering God’s kingdom. I ask that you keep Evansville Lutheran School in your prayers as they seek to fulfill the position of Resource Teacher.” Sara Knea

BIBLE CLASS: In May, **PASTOR’S** class will continue the study of the Gospel of Luke with the early ministry of Jesus 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) Sarah Bible Class sessions will be studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. Class begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Thursdays. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Join us Sunday, May 22, for the confirmation of **CHASE GANN** and **JOE KNEA**. Their oral examination will begin at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary, and their rite of confirmation will be during the 9:30 AM service. Following the service will be a confirmation reunion in the parish hall.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY: Mark your calendar for Trinity Sunday on June 12 when we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation. Guest preacher will be **REV. MARTIN KELLER**, who was our pastor from 1994-2009. Following the service will be a catered meal in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY: On Saturday, May 7, the men of our congregation are invited for breakfast at 8:30 AM followed by Bible study at 9:00 AM in the parish hall.

MEMBER FAREWELL: On Sunday, May 15, we bid farewell to our members **CHEROKEE** and **JULIA MEADOWS** who are moving to Ft. Wayne where Julia will begin working as a nurse at Parkview hospital and where Cherokee will complete his studies at PFW in preparation for entering Concordia Theological Seminary.

MEMORIAL DAY AT LUTHERAN CEMETERY: The Lutheran Cemetery Board would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. **PASTOR KIRK HORSTMAYER** of Immanuel Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 30, at 11:00 AM. at the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue. We look forward to seeing you on May 30!

DARMSTADT DAY: Our congregation will be hosting Darmstadt Day as a community outreach event on Saturday, June 4, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We hope to reach our mission target of families with children and those working toward retirement by offering free food, fellowship, and fun with inflatables, games, car display, polka band, and a country store. Please sign up in the narthex to serve or simply come and enjoy the day and meet our neighbors. See **LINDA SUE KORFF** about items to donate for the country store. All proceeds and donations this year will go to *Autism Evansville*. Join us in bringing our "Life Together" to our community.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: We thank **JACKSON OTTO** for completing his Eagle Scout project of uploading pictures of all our cemetery gravestones and transposing the data onto the *Billion Graves* website and then creating an electronic database of our cemetery records. The link may be accessed through our church website at trinitydarmstadt.org/cemetery.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS: Sat. May 7, 5 to 8 PM - service project to offer preschool families a free Parents' Night Out
Sat, May 28, 7:00 AM - depart church parking lot for Newport Aquarium for ETA of 10:30 AM
Sat. June 4 - help with games at Darmstadt Day
June 19 to July 2 - Christ Academy/Phoebe Academy at CTSFW, Fort Wayne
July 9 to 13 - LCMS Youth Gathering Houston, TX
July 26 to 29 - Higher Things Youth Conference Valparaiso, U.

JONAH'S FISH FRY: Immanuel Lutheran Church (1925 Volkman Road; 47725; 812-867-5088) **Friday, May 6, 2022 serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM** (Jonah's Fish, German Potato Salad, Slaw, Beans, Dessert and Drink) Adult Carry-Outs Available; Adult's: \$10.00 in advance / \$11.00 at the door; Children 3-10 years: \$5.00; **Chinese Auction to be held in the Lounge.** Trisha has tickets in the office.

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: THE REV. DR. GREGORY SELTZ, the Executive Director of the LCRL is coming to Evansville on June 18th. He was formerly a speaker for the Lutheran Hour. On Saturday, June 18th he will speak at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9-10:30 AM to discuss the work of the LCRL and why it is important to the church. All are invited to come listen to him.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to our **CHOIR, HANDBELLS, MUSICIANS, KEVIN ELLERBUSCH, JEFF SENSMEIER, PAULA REININGA, & DANA MEYER** for all their music and preparations for Lent and Holy Week.

for



Cheers to the **ALTAR GUILD & LINDA RAE KORFF** decorating our sanctuary.

Cheers to the **LLL** for serving our Easter Breakfast.

Cheers to **JERRY & ELLJEAN NICHOLS** who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on April 18th



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

PAT DENNIS who died on April 20th.

PRESCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who bought popcorn from the preschool last month.

Our Pre-K graduation and end of the year program is Wednesday May 18 at 6:30 PM. Join us as our students sing their favorite songs and our Pre-K graduates.

Enrollment is ongoing through the summer. If you know someone looking for preschool, please pass our information along. We have various openings in all of our classrooms.

Last day of school at the preschool is Wednesday May 25.

