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February 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20 “Beyond Our Imagination!” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9 Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 125; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-30 “The Choice” - Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-20 Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

February 19, 2023 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 “Listen to Him” - Sermon Text: Matthew 17:5 Rev. Thomas Eggold

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21; Matthew 4:1-11 “Two Temptations” - Sermon Text: Genesis 3:1b Rev. Shayne Jonker

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the gift bag full of snacks and fruit. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers that were I received during my recent surgery. Thank you to Pastor Temme for visiting and giving me communion.
Many Blessings, Roger Dennis

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

I just want to thank you for your generous monetary gift you gave me for Christmas! That was a wonderful surprise and blessing! I love being a part of this wonderful family again. Have a blessed New Year!

Our sister and servant in Christ, Donna Swallow

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Albion Fellows Bacon Center and our Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000.00. Your commitment to helping domestic and sexual violence victims in our community find safety and support makes all of the difference for their future and assists us in promoting proactive prevention so the future generations do not fall victim to abuse.

Gina Gist, Executive Director

During the month of January, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **LINDA SUE KORFF, DIANA DUNKELBARGER, KARON WATHEN, VIVIAN RUFF, EDDIE MCCOY, MIKE & KULA WATHEN, ROGER DENNIS, GARY GANN, AL & GLORIA ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMANN, and DON & ALICE KECK**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Saturday, December 31.....21	
Sunday, January 1.....42	13
Saturday, January 7.....9	
Saturday, January 8.....77	NO BIBLE CLASS
Saturday, January 149	
Sunday, January 15.....62	19
Saturday, January 21.....12	
Sunday, January 22.....80	20

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The Board of Parish Fellowship will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, February 12 after the service. They will be serving Chicken Noodle Casserole or Chicken Nuggets, Salads, Rolls, Potato Chips & Desserts. There will be plenty of Food, Fellowship and maybe a few surprises. All are Welcome!

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: When the Sarah Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on **Thursdays** to continue their studies in the synoptic Gospels (i.e., Matthew, Mark and Luke). Coffee and treats available beginning at 9:00 AM. All ladies of the church are most welcome to attend.

CALENDAR IN THE OFFICE: There is a calendar in the office for all the events that are happening at the church this year. If you know when things are happening during the year, they need to be put on that calendar.

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**, and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078 or cell (812)459-4078.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021: Now that 2022 is almost over, the Directors of each Board needs to submit a report for the Annual Report. Please have them into the office by **February 5th**. Thanks, Trisha

ELS-PTSL VENDOR FAIR: Calling all Vendors! Evansville Lutheran School is hosting a vendor fair on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Volkman Road. We are currently accepting applications. We have booths of 4 different sizes. We welcome all types of vendors, both hand-made crafts and MLM companies. Priority applications are due by January 20th. Once confirmed you'll be notified to pay your booth rental fees. Booth fees are non-refundable. If you are interested in renting a booth space, please fill out the application on the google doc by scanning the QR code that is on the flyer on the bulletin board that is in the foyer by the office.

THANK YOU: The church and school staff thank the congregation for the Christmas gift. We are all blessed to be serving at Trinity!

RENAISSANCE MUSIC CONCERT: Please join us for a Music Concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, February 19, beginning at 3:00 PM with a reception following. The concert will feature the instruments and composers of the Renaissance period. Invite your friends and family.

LENT SERVICES: Midweek Lent services begin on Ash Wednesday on February 22 at 7:00 PM. The theme for this year is *The Miracles of Lent*, which looks at the important and significant miracles and events that God the Father performed to set apart His Son's death from all others. The miracles performed were: the three hours of darkness, the torn temple curtain, the earthquake, splitting of rocks, the Real Presence in the Lord's Supper, the death of God's Son, the descent into hell, the opening of graves with many of God's people being raised to life and appearing to many in Jerusalem after Christ's resurrection, as well as the unbelievable faith of the Roman soldiers. The five Lent services on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 will be preceded by a supper at 6:00 PM. If you would like to host one of these dinners, please let Trisha know in the office.

BABY SHOWER: Our former members **CHEROKEE & JULIA MEADOWS**, who now reside in Ft. Wayne where Cherokee is preparing for the seminary and Julia is working as a nurse, will be having a baby shower in our fellowship hall on Saturday, March 4, beginning at 1:00 PM. Members of the congregation are welcome to stop by and wish them well.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to everyone who helped with **KEVIN ELLERBUSCH'S** Reception. He is going to be missed!

Cheers to everyone who helped with the dinner after **HELEN MARIE WORTMANN'S** funeral. Thank you for all you do for the church.

Cheers to the following people who celebrated milestone birthdays in January:
DON KECK – JANUARY 7th – 91 years old

PRESCHOOL

Thank you to those that ordered pizzas. Pizzas will be available for pick up the week of February 13.

Our next open house is February 21 from 5-7 PM.

God's Blessings,
Breenna Smith
Director
Trinity Lutheran Preschool

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NEWSLETTER

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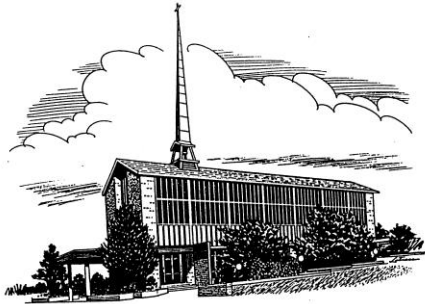
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I Believe . . . in the Holy Christian Church

What exactly is the church? Is it a house of worship? Is it a local congregation? Is it a denomination? What do we confess in the Apostles' Creed when we say, "I believe . . . in the holy Christian church," and how is that different from "the communion of saints." According to our catechism, "The holy Christian Church IS the communion of saints, the total number of those who believe in Christ. All believers in Christ, but only believers, are members of the church."

So the church is not a building made of bricks, but a building made of people, specifically those who believe in Christ for their salvation. The apostle Paul describes this building of people or temple of God when he tells the Ephesians, "You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19-22) The church then is those who believe in Christ according to the Bible written by the Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles.

If the church is seen in the body of believers, why then do we say, "I believe in the church." Normally things we can see and touch are things everyone can acknowledge as true without requiring faith.

But we say, "I believe in the church," because faith, which makes people members of the church, is invisible. We can only hear what a person confesses and see what he does, but we cannot look into his heart and know for sure what he believes. Only God can do that. For man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. Only "the Lord knows those who are his." (2 Timothy 2:19) Indeed, Jesus explains, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20-21) In this sense, we often talk about the church being invisible or hidden.

But why do we call the church "holy," when we are all sinners and our sin is so obviously seen? It is because all believers in Christ have been washed clean by the blood of Christ and declared holy by God. Paul again writes to the Ephesians, "Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." (Ephesians 5:25-27) The church is also holy in that by faith we now serve God in holy living. The apostle Peter writes, "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5) So even though we are still sinners, we are repentant sinners, who are declared holy by the forgiveness of our sins and who live holy lives. As believers in Christ, we are saints, which means "holy ones." In this life we remain both saints and sinners at the same time.

In this life we are members of the church militant. We are like the children of Israel who came into the Promised Land through the water of the Jordan River under the command of Joshua. For seven years they battled the Canaanites until they finally received their inheritance and rest. In the same way, we enter the kingdom of God through the water of baptism. Under the command of Jesus, we still do battle against the devil, the sinful world, and our own sinful flesh. But in the life to come, our battle will be over, we will receive our inheritance, and finally enter our rest in heaven. Then we will be members of the church triumphant.

Every year on November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day. We give thanks to God for the saints on earth who are members of His kingdom of grace, but we also thank Him for those saints in heaven who have gone before us into His kingdom of glory. With the angels and archangels, both the church on earth and the church in heaven, we laud and magnify His glorious name. Amen.

Pastor Temme