

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

<u>July 3</u>

Psalm 66: 1-7; Isaiah 66: 10-14; Luke 10: 1-20 "Tell the Family Story" – Sermon Text: Luke 10: 1-20 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker

July 10

Psalm 41; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37 "Are You Sure?" – Sermon Text: Colossians 1: 1-14 – Rev. William Mueller

July 17

Psalm 27: 7-14; Colossians 1: 21-29; Luke 10: 38-42 "Rightly Ordered Love" – Sermon Text: Luke 10: 41 & 42 – Rev. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

July 24

Psalm 138; Genesis 18: 20-33; Luke 11: 1-13 "Pray Like Abraham" – Sermon Text: Genesis 18: 20-33 – Rev. Walter Maier III

July 31

Psalm 100; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21 "Rich Toward God" – Sermon Text: Luke 12: 15 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

PRESCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. We are also looking to hire 2 part time assistant teachers if you know someone looking for a job working with children.

During the month of June, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins — DAVE COOMER, KARON WATHEN, TERRY REININGA, RON KORFF, GARY GANN, AL ARENDT, GLORIA ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMANN, DON KECK, ALICE KECK, NEAL WATHEN and HELEN MARIE WORTMANN.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE		BIBLE CLASS
Saturday, June 4	11	
Sunday, June 5	61	
Saturday, June 11 No Service		
Sunday, June 12	135	
Saturday, June 18	17	
Sunday, June 19	47	13
Saturday, June 25	16	
Sunday June 26	63	27

WHAT'S COMING UP

<u>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</u>: 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: <u>trisha@tldarm.org</u>

<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>: In July, **PASTOR TEMME'S** class will continue the study of the Gospel of Luke of Jesus calling His twelve disciples and delivering His sermon on the plain. **ALAN LETTERMAN'S** Class will continue with Ezekiel.

<u>175TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA</u>: Please view the drawings, books, pictures, and other memorabilia on the tables in the parish hall. You are welcome to add your own historical items to the collection which will remain on display until our Heritage Sunday on September 18.

FESTIVAL OF CARS: On Sunday, July 17, we will remember how the Lord has delivered us through the pandemic with a Festival of Cars like the Israelites remembered the Lord's deliverance in the wilderness with the Feast of Tabernacles. We will have our worship service in the parking lot like we did two summers ago and then enter the sanctuary to close the service and celebrate with social *gathering*.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

July 9 to 13 - LCMS Youth Gathering Houston, TX July 26 to 29 - Higher Things Youth Conference Valparaiso, U.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: The Sarah Bible Class will meet on Thursday, July 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Their topic will be on World Religions. Class begins at 9:30 AM. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

CUSTODIAN: We will have a need for a custodian for both the church and the preschool this fall. The position will be for roughly 10-12 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact **ALAN LETTERMAN** at 812/459-3005 or the church office at 812/867-5279.

THANK YOUS

We thank all those who served and participated at Darmstadt Day on June 4. We especially thank the Boards of **OUTREACH** and **SOCIAL MINISTRY** and the **FUN FUNDRAISERS** for their service to our community. We served 400 people including 100 children and received donations and proceeds of over \$1200 for **AUTISM EVANSVILLE** which will also be matched by \$1,000 from our Legacy Fund mission category.

We thank **PASTOR MARTIN KELLER** for serving as our guest preacher for our 175th anniversary celebration on June 12. We thank the **CHOIR**, **HANDBELLS**, and **INSTRUMENTALISTS** for their beautiful music and **KEVIN ELLERBUSCH**, **JEFF SENSMEIER**, **PAULA REININGA**, and **DANA MEYER** for all their preparations. We thank **KRIS KAHRE** and the **BOARD of SOCIAL MINISTRY** for serving our catered banquet in the parish hall after the service.

I would like to thank everyone that provided food and help for all previous bereavement meals. A huge thank you to the members of the Friends in Christ (the group of people in charge of bereavement meals) and helpers that have served meals for our families of loved ones who have passed thru the years.

We are looking to update our list of members from church who are willing to prepare a dish for our bereavement meals. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex that includes a choice of a salad, vegetable, or a dessert.

There will also be a place on the sheet to sign up to be on the **FRIENDS IN CHRIST** (In charge of meals) group to serve the meals. It would be great to have enough people so that we could have two teams to help!

Please consider these opportunities to help serve our families in their time of grief. If you have any questions, please call **PAULA REININGA** 812 483-5988.

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you so very much for choosing autism Evansville as you nonprofit of the year for Darmstadt Day 2022. We are so grateful for your support. Your check will be used towards Family Fun Night at CMOE and our voucher program to families in need. Your kindness and generosity is so appreciated! Thanks again – and a big hug to Crystal Kahre for her hard work! Kelsey Schapker

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION: The members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Evanston IN (12308 East CR 1160 North) invite you to share with them in the joy of welcoming Rev. Steven Shank as pastor of their church. The installation service will be held on July 10 at 3:00 PM CDT in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in the St. John's Fellowship Hall.

GREETERS: Now that COVID is passing, we would like to restart our worship greeters who greet our members and guests and pass out bulletins before the service. If you would like to serve again or serve for the first time as a greeter, please sign up in the narthex or speak to **KATHY BUMB** who is serving as our new greeter coordinator. We thank **GLORIA ARENDT** for serving for so many years in the past.

RETIREMENT FOR LT COL KEVIN KAHRE: The Congregation is invited to join in the celebration of **LT COL. KEVIN KAHRE'S RETIREMENT** on Friday, July 29th beginning at 2:00 PM. This will be held at 1121 Hoing Road.(The Sight's home). The pool will be open so bring you bathing suits, towels and lawn chairs. We hope you can join us for an afternoon to celebrate Kevin's military career with food, fun and reminiscing. Please RSVP by July 15 by calling Crystal at 812/760-6114.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ON WORSHIP ANEW: Dear friends of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, I would like to thank Laureen Baggett (Trinity Lutheran-Evansville), and Jewels Mominee of Mominee Studios Inc. Evansville, IN https://www.momineestudios.com/ for the gift of the Trinity Lutheran Stained-Glass windows. These windows were extracted during the week of June 8 through June 11, 2022. They will be used in service on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana and the home of Worship Anew. Worship Anew (Formerly known as Worship for Shut-Ins), continues to broadcast nationwide on DirectTV Channel 377 (TCT Network 10:30 Central Time), world-wide on The American Forces Network TV, and on-line at www.WorshipAnew.org. These stainedglass windows will be restored to their original beauty and continue to reflect God's love of care and compassion. The Martin Luther window will be used in the main entrance, Atrium area, greeting visitors to our International offices. The Jesus window, Angel Window, and Jesus Knocking at the Door window, will be used in the Studio, as choirs sing Lutheran hymns on the choir risers In front of the Jesus Window and side panels. Here is a list of scheduled appearances (to include Drone footage and Stained-Glass windows) on Worship Anew.

July 24, 2022 Trinity Lutheran-Evansville, IN

July 31, 2022 St. Paul Lutheran – Evansville, IN

October 2, 2022 Immanuel-Volkman Road Evansville, IN

October 09, 2022 Our Redeemer-Evansville (w/University of Evansville in background)

October 16, 2022 Trinity-Darmstadt Evansville, IN

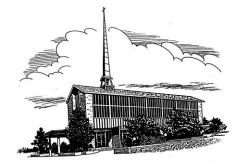
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LWML COLLECTION

The LWML will be collecting items for Orphan Grain Train for their Disaster Relief Kits. They will be collecting the following: Liquid Cleaner (like Pine Sol), Powder Cleaner (like Comet), Window Cleaner in spray bottles, Scrub Brushes, Large Sponges, Heavy duty Latex or Vinyl Gloves, Handy Wipes, Paper Towels, Brooms, Mops, Dust Pans w/Brush. If you would like to donate to this cause, please bring your items to the office by September 18th. Trisha will be taking these items to the LWML Zone Rally, which is September 24th. More info about that to follow in the next coming months.

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AMILLENNIAL

In regard to Jesus' second coming, you may have heard some of your Christian friends refer to the New Millennium. They speak about a rapture, where only Christians will be raised from the dead and then caught up to heaven, but others will be "left behind." Christ will return to set up a new kingdom here on earth and reign for a thousand years (millennium). The Temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and all the nations will gather there to worship. All those who were left behind will get a second chance to be saved. After the thousand years are over, there will be a second resurrection and then the judgment of the world. This belief is called Millennialism. You may think to yourself, "I never remember hearing that from my pastor in Confirmation class. Was I absent that day?" No, you have never heard this teaching in the Lutheran Church because it is a false teaching, a heresy that has only gained popularity in the last 150 years, particularly in America. As all heresies go, it is a dangerous teaching because it takes our eyes off the atonement of Jesus at the cross and his heavenly kingdom and puts our focus on a false, earthly kingdom. It also gives people the false idea that they do not need to be ready for Christ's second coming by faith in him, but that they will have a second chance if Christ, indeed, comes again.

But where did this false teaching come from? It comes primarily from a wrong literal interpretation of a few verses in Revelation, a book full of figurative and symbolic language. The apostle John sees a vision of those saints who had died and also those saints who were still living and had not succumbed to the work of the devil. John writes, "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. . . This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are they who have part in the first resurrection.

The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:5-6) From these verses, it is falsely assumed that there will be a first, physical resurrection from the dead with an intermediate return of Christ. Believers will then reign with Christ for a literal 1,000 years here on earth. During those 1,000 years, Christ's kingdom will be a temporal, earthly kingdom.

But this literal interpretation of a figurative book ignores the rest of the Bible and Christ's clear words from the Gospels. The first resurrection spoken of in Revelation is not a physical, bodily resurrection but a spiritual resurrection which takes place when a person hears the word of the Gospel and believes. Jesus said, "Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and is now come, when the dead will the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." (John 5:24-25) The apostle Paul also refers to this spiritual resurrection when he says, "God . . . made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in transgressions . . . God raised us up with Christ." (Ephesians 2:4-6) The reign of Christ is also not a physical reign on earth for a literal 1,000 years staged sometime in the future. Christ began his reign when he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where the Father put all things under his feet. Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world," meaning that he would not reign from a throne on earth over human governments. Rather the kingdom of God is Jesus reigning in the hearts of men through faith. We also reign with Christ right now. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God." (1 Peter 2:9) "Those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17) The 1,000 years is not to be taken literally but symbolically as a long period of time and a time of completeness (10 cubed). In this sense we are Amillennial (Against or Anti Millennial) in that we do not believe in a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth but a figurative 1,000 year reign of Christ over his spiritual kingdom from the time of his resurrection to the time of his second coming.

If you are confused about first and second resurrections and first and second deaths, here is a summary of what these resurrections and deaths mean according to the Scriptures. The first resurrection is a spiritual resurrection of the soul when a person comes to faith in Jesus. The first death is a physical death when the body and soul separate at the end of one's earthly life. The second resurrection takes place when Jesus comes again to raise all the dead and reunite a person's soul with a resurrected body. The second death is eternal death, where the body and soul of an unbeliever are thrown into the fires of hell. As believers in Christ, the second death has no power over us, but we will continue our reign with Christ in heaven.

The Amillennial view is the right teaching based upon the whole of Scripture. It keeps us focused on the atonement of Jesus Christ at the cross and our eternal home in heaven so that we will be ready when our Lord comes again.

Pastor Temme