



Knowing Christ... Making Christ Known

Celebrate
Christmas in



July 26, 2020

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OUR MISSION -

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome!

July 26, 2020

Notes for Today's Services

**We hope that you will be able to join
with us in worship through the live streaming
on the website templelutheran.org**

OFFERING - *During today's service we cannot collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at finsecretary@templelutheran.org for information or the form to do this.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:1-20

"We have to go to Bethlehem," Joseph told Mary. "Emperor Augustus has ordered that all of the people need to be counted."

"But Joseph," Mary said, "what about our baby? He will be born soon."

"We'll go slowly, Mary. Bethlehem will be crowded so we need to leave now."



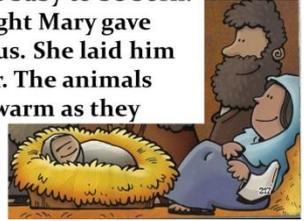
So Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem, the City of David, to be counted along with all of the other people. It was cold when they arrived.

Joseph knocked on many doors looking for a room, but everyone said no. Finally, an innkeeper answered his door.

"I have no room," the innkeeper said. "But you can stay in the little stable in the back. It's warm, and the hay is fresh."

"Joseph," Mary said. "I think it's time for the baby to be born."

That night Mary gave birth to Jesus. She laid him in a manger. The animals kept them warm as they waited for morning.



Outside of Bethlehem, the shepherds watched their sheep on the hills. Suddenly, an angel appeared. The shepherds looked up at the bright night sky.

"Don't be afraid," the angel said.

"I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight." The shepherds listened in amazement. The twinkling stars seemed to echo each of the angel's words.

The angel continued, "Go to Bethlehem! You will find the child lying in a bed of hay!"

Suddenly, many angels filled the heavens. They sang together, "*Glory to God in the highest. And peace to all people on earth.*"

"Let's hurry!" one shepherd said. "The angel said the child was born tonight!"

"But what about the sheep?" another shepherd asked.



“Let the angels watch them!” the youngest shepherd said.

“Yes! Let the angels watch them!”

The shepherds happily hurried into Bethlehem.



The angel was right. The shepherds found the baby, Jesus, asleep on a bed of hay. They told

Mary and Joseph all the angel had said.



“The angel said the baby is the Messiah – the promised one. He is the one we have waited for,” they

“Moo-o-o-o,” said the cow.
“Baa-a-a-a,” said the sheep.
“Coo-o-o-o,” said the dove.



explained. “But this is a stable. Would God be born here among the animals?”



Mary smiled. She knew that Jesus was Immanuel – God with us.

Later the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for all they had seen and heard. Jesus was born!



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below!

BlueJeans link: <https://upenn.bluejeans.com/8427000424>



A SERMON SERIES BEGINNING **AUGUST 2**



Supporting the Luthers

As you may know by now, Jason Luther, a 44-year-old father of four, and the husband of Kristin, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. The Luther Family has been very involved in Temple for over two

years. Through Compassion United friends in the community have set up a link to different ways to help the family. Please consider clicking the link below, and helping them in every way possible. Thank you in advance for taking care of your fellow Mission Partners.

[Luther Family](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Jane Bachensky, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Marion Crawford, Noah Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgoess-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Jason Luther, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, family and friends of Vera Nichols, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Joyce Van, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

PRELUDE: *Gesù bambino*

Words by Frederick H. Martens (1874–1932)

Music by Pietro A. Yon (1886–1943)

Amanda Quillen, soprano

Zoë Boston, violin, Florrie Marks, piano



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the musicians – Florrie Marks, Douglas Barger, Zoë Boston, Sarah Foss, and Amanda Quillen, for the audio-visual tech man – Kyle Barger, for the creative children’s activities – Juli Pierdomenico and Pastor Tim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Friends,

When it comes to racism, I thought I am one of the “good ones.” But I’ve realized that I’m really not; I need to become *anti-racist* so that I can help end racial injustice. As my first step, I am reading, watching, listening to many things to help me recognize my white privilege.



Will you join me? I, along with our Racial Justice Task Force, have compiled a list of resources that will help you to do "the work" of dismantling white supremacy in your own heart and mind.

If you'd like to talk, we have a team of people standing by. Reply to this email and you'll get connected with one of us.

Lillian Mittleman

[Resources – TLC Family Doin’ the Work](#)

GOOD NEWS TREASURE CHEST SIGN UP

Sign up to bring in the Good News Treasure Chest - virtually! Juli will contact you the week before you sign up to schedule a Zoom meeting with your child. In addition to the Good News Treasure Chest, she'd love to have a quick catch up! Please only sign up once to give each family an opportunity. Dates are first come, first serve. Any questions, please email Juli (julpie19@gmail.com).



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BABAD2FA6FF2-summer>

MARTIN LUTHER ON TRIAL

Greetings!

Carl here with Fellowship for Performing Arts. I didn't want you to miss out on seeing our hit stage production of Martin Luther on Trial spring to life online **Sunday, August 2nd, at 4 p.m.** Eastern Time.

You will be engrossed by this fantastical Christian courtroom drama for the soul of the great reformer Martin Luther. Satan has brought charges against Luther, with St. Peter called to the bench. Witnesses include Hitler, M.L. King, Jr., and Pope Francis.

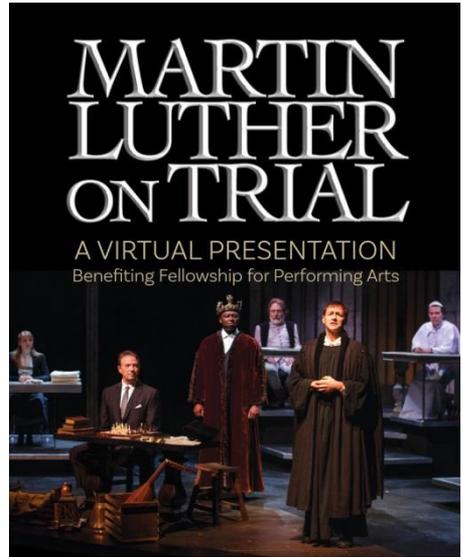
All this plus a thorough examination of Luther's life and his loving relationship with Katie Von Bora. And did we mention how funny it is? Featuring the original New York cast, no FPA production in the past 10 years has generated more audience excitement than Martin Luther on Trial.

[REGISTER FOR FREE HERE!](#)

God Bless,

Carl Epps

Groups and Outreach
Coordinator
FPAtheatre.com



DAILY DEVOTIONALS

I have copies of the daily devotionals available. Please let me know which one you would like and I will send/deliver it. Janet The Upper Room – Where the World Meets to Pray Christ in Our Home Daily Bread

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – UPPER DARBY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORPORATION

In the past, as part of our meal service at the Life Center, we provided meals for 150-200 people on the second Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Given social distancing criteria, the Life Center is only providing meals for the 30 clients in residence and not the wider community as in the past. It is anticipated that this will last for some time. In the meantime, the community's need for food still remains.

The Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, working out of Christ Lutheran Church in Upper Darby, is currently providing 200 to-go meals to the Upper Darby community each Tuesday and Thursday, and are looking to add Wednesday in the near future. Some food is cooked on-site and some is donated ready to serve. Volunteers in the kitchen package the food in to-go containers, which is served either to those who come to the door at dinner time or is delivered to those who are not able to come to the church to pick it. If you would like to assist in this effort, contact Pastor Dave Shaheen, 610-352-7008, pdudcoc@gmail.com and ask to get on the schedule to assist in the kitchen or as a driver. To learn more about Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, go to <https://www.outreachcorp.org>. The website has a convenient “DONATE” button for those who prefer to support this work financially.

GIVING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing,
the work and expenses of the church continue.

There are now many ways you can now give to TLC

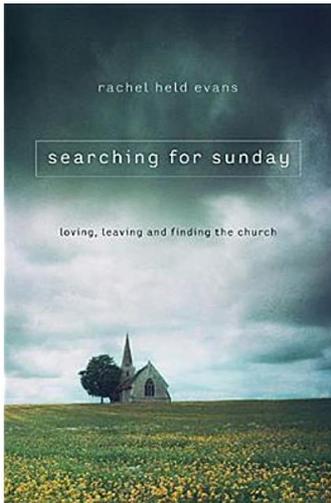
- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hollowell

Questions? Contact [Nancy Hollowell](#)

- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



BOOK CLUB



The next book for TLC's bookclub will be "*Searching For Sunday*" by Rachel Held

Evans: <https://rachelheldevans.com/searching-for-sunday> As reviewed by Goodreads: "Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to

Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. Centered around seven sacraments, Evans' quest takes readers through a liturgical year with stories about baptism, communion, confirmation, confession, marriage, vocation, and death that are funny, heartbreaking, and sharply honest. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, *Searching for Sunday* is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church"

Please join us on Monday, August 3rd at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For details and how to connect to the video-conference, please contact Despina Kontos at despina.kontos@gmail.com.



FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>
Needed: Paper products (towels, tissues, toilet paper), cereal (in boxes rather than bags).



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For those who receive weekly giving envelopes in the mail every two months, you'll notice something different with the next set. We have simplified the categories to be aligned with our annual budget and general practice and only two categories are provided:

- The new "Unified" category supports the budget approved by the Congregation, which includes Christian outreach, support of the Synod, parish life, physical plant, and staff. The previous terminology was ambiguous as to what it covered.
- The new "Special" category provides a space to indicate whether the offering is for flowers, food pantry, Christmas outreach project, and other special offerings. If nothing is specified, it will be applied to the most current special appeal or by the Finance Team."

If you have any questions on this, please contact Susan Best, our Finance Team leader.



School Supplies Needed Help Fill the Backpacks

The good news is we are continuing the Backpack/School Supply Drive we have done for several years. Even if the start of school gets delayed, the need for backpacks and school supplies will be greater than ever. The filled backpacks are given to Chester Eastside, Inc. and the after-school program at Christ Lutheran, Upper Darby for distribution.

We need your help to fill the backpacks!

This year we have several ways to contribute:

- ❖ Drop off collected school supplies in the collection box found outside the glass doors, next to the Food Pantry tub.
- ❖ Make a monetary contribution to this effort. 100% of funds collected will be used to purchase school supplies to fill the backpacks. Contributions can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is serving as Treasurer of this effort.
- ❖ Make a monetary contribution to Temple, clearly marked for “School Supplies”.
- ❖ Use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assemble the backpacks.

Links to Wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/175Backpacks>



Or

The collection will continue until August 2nd. A list of suggested school supplies follows.

Questions: Contact the office.

Let's see if we can make this a huge collection. Jeanne Pocock used to organize the collection every year. Thanks for your continued support.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST

Please give extra consideration to Middle & High School students as you purchase supplies.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

- Planner
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- No. 2 pencils
- Mechanical pencils
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Index cards (ruled & unruled)
- Pens
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Mini-stapler
- 1", 3 ring binders
- Binder dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- Post-it Notes
- 1 subject notebooks
- 3 or 5 subject spiral notebooks
- Folders
- Book covers/jackets

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Plastic pencil box
- Pocket tissue packs
- Composition books
- Crayons (12 or 24 count box)
- Washable markers (8 count box)
- Glue (8 ounce bottle)
- Glue sticks
- Large pink erasers
- Pencils
- Pocket folders
- Safety scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Ruler



CALENDAR

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Pat Keaveney
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Children, Youth & Family Minister	Julianna Pierdomenico
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
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Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sunday Nursery Staff	Shelly Davis
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