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May 30, 2021 Holy Trinity Sunday

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#### **OUR MISSION -**

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# Visiting today? Welcome! May 30, 2021 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 actively collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. There is an offering plate in the back of the church. 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 READINGS ROMANS 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

#### **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Iews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you. 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and vet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from

heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

 $^{17}$ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Geoff Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgess-Oler, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

#### Need to contact the Pastor?

The Rev. Timothy Johansen, by calling (610) 446-3270 or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736

#### **MEATBALLS AND SAUCE FOR SALE**



We have quarts of meat and sauce on sale for a suggested donation of \$10 per quart. It's all based on the honor system – collect from the freezer to the left of the kitchen and pay cash at the office or use Paypal. Call the office with questions.

# Protocol for Worship Updated: May 25, 2021

- 1. <u>In-person Attendance</u>: In-person worship will be conducted with the following understandings:
  - a) Attendance will be limited to 50% of occupancy (86 people)
  - b) Each service will have 3 foot distancing between families and consenting "bubbles" in 1st floor pews
  - c) The balcony will be restricted to the Director of Music Ministries and any other musicians she utilizes.
- 2. **Self-screening:** At the beginning of each service the presider will encourage participants that do not feel well to please exit the building.
- 3. **Contact Tracing**: In the event of a positive Covid test within one week of someone's attendance to a worship service, they should notify the church office so that we will help them to notify anyone with whom they were in close contact before, during, or after worship.
- 4. <u>Distancing and Face Covering for all attendees regardless of vaccination status.</u>
  - a) <u>Distancing</u>: While inside the TLC building, all families and consenting "bubbles" will maintain 3 feet distance between themselves and any other family or "bubble".
  - b) <u>Face Covering</u>: All participants must wear a mask covering both nose and mouth at all times while inside the TLC building, including while speaking. If you need to uncover your nose or mouth for any reason, please exit the building first. Communion is the exception.
- 5. **No Food or Beverages**: To avoid the need to remove masks, no food or drinks are allowed. Communion is the exception.

This document was produced by TLC's Resurgence Task Force.







Wenda "Wendy" Susan Long

June 8, 1953 - March 18, 2021

#### Memorial Service

June 5, 2021 Visitation at 10:00 a.m. Service at 11:00 a.m. Service In-Person & Live-streamed



INTRODUCING...THE
TRIPLE-THREAT
WORKOUT - 20 min Dance
Fitness, 20 min, Strength
Training & 20 min Yoga
starting Saturday, June 5, 9
am – 10 am outside in the
parking lot at Grace,
Broomall.

The ultimate sampler class that consists of hot dance routines, functional strength

training and feel-good yoga sequences. The Triple-Threat Workout is designed to move you, build you and center you. Outdoor Class Series- \$40 (June 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Drop-in rate- \$15 per class

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/get-triple-threat-fit-outdoor-classes-tickets-155878293171

Also posted on the Grace Facebook page.

CHILD AND YOUTH SAFETY POLICY The Council has approved a new Child and Youth Safety Policy (CYSP). This incorporates a new process for approving adults to work with children and youth in the congregation and establishes approvals for youth volunteers. Anyone who wants to work with children and youth will need to follow this new process, which may require them to resubmit or update their clearances to the Child and Youth Safety committee. There may be new forms you need to fill out so be sure to read the instructions on the website. The directions can be found on the TLC website under the Kids-> Child and Youth Safety heading.

#### CHECK OUT TWO NEW PAGES ON THE WEBSITE

TLC has created a blog. Here's a link with the info including an intro about it. <a href="https://www.templelutheran.org/blog">https://www.templelutheran.org/blog</a>

We also now have a page with mental health resources. <a href="https://www.templelutheran.org/mentalhealth">https://www.templelutheran.org/mentalhealth</a>

#### **SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a

Order Altar Flowers specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. You can now sponsor altar flowers for a specific week. Select the week, enter the note as you would like to

see it in the bulletin (in honor of \_\_/in memory of \_\_/in celebration of\_\_) and pay through PayPal. The cost is \$40 per week. The florist will deliver a beautiful arrangement to the church. You can collect it after the 9:30 a.m. service or ask for it to be delivered to someone in the community going through a difficult time. Questions: Contact the office.

#### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

**Carrying The Cross** by The Rev. Serena Sellers, Pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kulpsville:

Lutherans are the least racially diverse denomination in America. This is not an accusation, but a fact. There are some legitimate historical reasons for that reality. Our denomination was historically established as an immigrant church (Germans, Swedes). When our congregations were created they preserved, not only the theology, but also the culture of "the old country."

There is nothing wrong with celebrating individual heritage. ... The problem with being the least racially diverse denomination in America is that it reveals a dangerous, if unconscious, tendency to put our comfort before the spread of the gospel. If grace is truly what is central to our Lutheran identity, we must accept the discomfort of the unfamiliar for the sake of the gospel. If our church is a comfortable place for us, it is time to begin asking if it is as comfortable for all the people that God loves.

Resources – TLC Family Doin' the Work



#### **GIVING TO TEMPLE**

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 Celia Engman Questions? Contact <u>Celia Engman</u>
  - Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



VIRTUAL CAFÉ! follows directly after the live-streamed service using the link found below! This is a Zoom meeting and is held on Sundays, every week from 10:30am to 11:35am. Topic: Living Green. Amanda Quillen will be talking about sustainability at IKEA. You are welcome to join the discussion at any time. Contact person Rob Mannix.

#### FOOD PANTRY



Check the website <a href="https://tlcfoodpantry.com">https://tlcfoodpantry.com</a> Needed: Paper products (particularly paper towels), detergent, hand soap (bars) and coffee both instant and ground.

#### **TOWELS FOR HOMELESS**

TLC Food Pantry is collecting New or Gently Used **towels** for distribution to the homeless in Philadelphia:



### Towels Only

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled towels please. Please put



donations in the tub by the glass doors.



## 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. Hopefully students will be back in school this September and we will be able to provide them new backpacks stuffed with supplies. 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 donated 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 donation 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 assembly the backpacks.

Links to Wishlist: coming soon

The collection will continue until August 1st. A list of suggested school supplies follows.

Questions: Contact the office.

Let's see if we can make this a huge collection. 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





Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the Director of Music Ministries – Florrie Marks, our music ministers – Sarah Foss, Amanda Quillen, and Mark Wallace, and for our audio-visual wiz – Kyle Barger. Special thanks to our cantor today, Susan Best.

#### **GRACE BROOMALL Information**



#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-person Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Questions: please call the church office at 610-356-1824 or contact Vicar Kayla Sadowy at <a href="mailto:gracebroomall@gmail.com">gracebroomall@gmail.com</a>.

#### STAYING CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

Life has ups and downs and we all go through challenging times. Especially now, when social distancing has brought in an additional level of human distancing, we can often find ourselves craving human

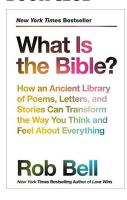


interaction and support. This group has been initiated for exactly this purpose, to build human connections, especially in the face of the current adversity. TLC's "Staying Connected in Community" aspires to be a safe group that welcomes everyone to share their experiences and challenges, and to listen and connect with others while recognizing both our common humanity and the divine light we share. "Staying Connected in Community" will be meeting virtually every 3rd Thursday of the month, with group gatherings starting at 7:45 pm and discussion between 8-9.30pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 17. Zoom link is below. For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at <a href="mailto:lisaschneller23@gmail.com">lisaschneller23@gmail.com</a>

**Staying Connected in Community** 

#### **BOOK CLUB**



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be What Is the Bible?: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything by Rob Bell.

Rob Bell, the beloved author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way.

In *Love Wins*, Rob Bell confronted the troubling questions that many people of faith were afraid to ask about heaven, hell, fate, and faith. Using the same inspired, inquisitive approach, he now turns to our most sacred book, the Bible. *What Is the Bible?* provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives.

Rob takes us deep into actual passages to reveal the humanity behind the Scriptures. You cannot get to the holy without going through the human, Rob tells us. When considering a passage, we shouldn't ask "Why did God say . . .?" To get to the heart of the Bible's meaning, we should be asking: "What's the story that's unfolding here and why did people find it important to tell it? What was it that moved them to record these words? What was happening in the world at that time? What does this passage/story/poem/verse/book tell us about how people understood who they were and who God was at that time?" In asking these questions, Rob goes beyond the one-dimensional question of "is it true?" to reveal the Bible's authentic transformative power.

Rob addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God's Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. With *What Is the Bible?*, he recaptures the Good Book's magic and reaffirms its power and inspiration to shape and inspire our lives today.

Please join us on Monday, June 7 at 8 p.m. for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! The meeting will be on Zoom.

Book Club
Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562 Passcode: BookClub For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at

despina.kontos@gmail.com

#### **CALENDAR**

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare) Sundays 9:30 a.m. In-person, Live Streamed Worship

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 The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen **Pastor Congregation Council President** Amanda Quillen **Director of Music Ministries** Florrie Marks Children, Youth & Family Minister Julianna Pierdomenico Director of Discipleship Rob Mannix Office Administrator **Ianet Bruss** Director of Sunday School Jeanne Daniels Sunday Nursery Staff **Shelly Davis** Sexton Calvin Lawler

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