

Knowing Christ...Making Christ Known



October 25, 2020

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OUR MISSION –
"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome! October 25, 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 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 READING: HEBREWS 10:19-25, 32-39

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God. ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. ³²But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution. and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. ³⁵Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. ³⁶For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. ³⁷For yet "in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay;

³⁸but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back."

³⁹But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below! This is a new Zoom meeting and will be held on Sundays, every week from 10:20am to 11:35am.

Virtual Café Link

Today, we celebrate with our confirmands and their sponsors:

Confirmand	Sponsor
Achille Heywood	Eríc Sacks
Akahí'ya Heywood	Karen Kampmeyer Mannix
Beatríx Lay	Amanda Quillen
Chase Antenuccí	Rob Mannix
Declan Mannion	Florrie Marks
Evan Taddeo	Doug Barger
Keianna Wallace	Sherrí Hulcher
Logan Hatton	Jeanne Daniels
Mason Falk	Tom Carr
Míra Boston	Sarah Foss
Víctor Morris	Bob & Joyce Quillen
Víctoria Morris	Bob & Joyce Quíllen

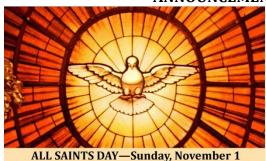


We welcome their families.
Thanks for the love you have given them.
God is good.

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 Forgess-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, 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, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, family and friends of Freddy Seefeldt, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Joyce Van, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



ALL SAINTS DAY—Sunday, November 1
Live Streamed Worship at 9:30; In-Person at 8:30 & 11:00
Please give the office names of those who have died in
the past year that you would like to remember.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we will be remembering departed loved ones during the services on November 1st. If you would like to have a loved one who died during the past year included in this

commemoration, please let the office know.



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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. Call Sue Cook, Red Cross or <u>click</u> to make an appointment. Giving blood saves lives!



LIFE CENTER MEAL

Our next meal at the Life Center for will be on **Tuesday**, **November 10**th. Please check out the Signup Genius link to donate food and/or volunteer with prep and delivery. We will need the following to ensure a belly filling meal to the shelter's 30 residents:

- 2 Meat loaves or meat balls (2 lbs. each no pork products)
- 2 Sets of fruit (20 pieces of bananas or oranges)
- 1 Kitchen helpers

For questions/concerns, please contact Ingrid Burd.

Link for Life Center Meal

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On-line Sunday School is before the live-stream service from 9am-9:30am with Miss Jeanne via a Zoom link:



Sunday School on Zoom

Meeting ID: 759 0842 5637 Passcode: XpcX0X

For those interested in the Middle School/High School Youth Group, keep an eye out for new details in the coming weeks on meeting times and locations.

Per usual, any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Juli 610-301-6992 <u>julpie19@gmail.com</u>

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14



Together, we should address racial division and injustice in our society today. I suggest a five-fold approach, found in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Step four found in the scripture: responsibility: "seek my face" Everyone is responsible for the human condition we find ourselves in, and for the civil unrest and racial division that plagues our society today. First and foremost, Africa is responsible for systemic racism against its own people. Africans had developed a class system based on education and financial status. Those that were uneducated, menaces to society, and financially challenged were often enslaved. When Europeans came to Africa to rape it of its bounty and natural resources, they were sold enslaved Africans to work for free in the "New World". When the demand for slave labor increased as many died on the grueling trip to America, and many were beaten to death once they were there, the slave masters began to take and enslave the elite of the African society by force. Had that racist system not been in place, perhaps the slave trade may not have occurred, been allowed to flourish, or lasted for as long as it did.

Young Black people need to take responsibility for destroying their own neighborhoods with rioting and looting, and for hijacking peaceful protests with violence and crime. In the age of technology and information in which we live, they need to take responsibility for learning their true and full history, and for studying how effective protest was done in the past. They need to own the history that we were descendants of educated African kings and queens, and that our African American History is littered with scientists, inventors, entertainers, clergy, military, and resourceful ancestors who had hope for a brighter

future for their generations, and who did a lot to make the world a better place. They also have to own the part of our history where our ancestors in antiquity enslaved their own people and the Jews.

Understanding the good and the bad of your history can inform better decisions in the future. White Americans need to take responsibility for stripping Africa of its natural resources, and its people in times past to build a democracy and capitalistic society that did not historically include black people or women. They need to seize God inspired opportunities to help rebuild the Mother Land, and do all they can in modern day society to level the playing field by releasing some of the opportunities and wealth to those on the fringes of our society; not as a hand out, but as a hand up. They need to identify and correct systems in our government, police force, and educational system where black and brown people are targeted, their rights violated, and they are discriminated against, while one group prospers on the back of another. We all need to seek God's face for how to do this effectively, and for what steps we can take to affect positive change.

Níkíta Johnson

P.S. 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.

Resources – TLC Family
Doin' the Work

We are filling gift bags for the women at Chester Eastside Ministries. Please provide your own bags (7" wide, 9" high) or contact the church office. Click for a list of suggested items. Please return bags by December 6. Thank you.





In-person worship in the sanctuary is at 8:30 a.m. In-person worship will be expanded November 1 to 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masks and social distancing will be required and there will be other accommodations to responsibly promote public health. Reservations are required.

Don't have a computer or smart phone and want to sign up? Call or text Pastor Tim or call the church office by Thursday. All slots taken and not able to sign up – email the office so you can be signed up for the next week. All

slots on October 25 will be reserved for the confirmands and their families and guests.

In-Person Worship Sign-up

Note: We will be keeping our 9:30 online worship service indefinitely. We are dedicated to accommodating as many people as possible in these wild COVID times.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAYS

Please join us Wednesday at 7 PM for worship in the parlor under the church. We'll gather together for a scripture lesson and a prepared reflection, then we'll break into small groups for check-ins and Bible Study. Please come prepared to wear a mask the whole time and abide by appropriate social distancing guidelines. If you have any questions, email Rob Mannix:

robmannix@gmail.com





COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are collecting light weight items, "store bought" treats such as raisins, dried fruit and nuts, gum, lollipops, popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, crackers, cookies, Halloween candy, small packs of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, instant soup.

NO POTATO CHIPS or CRUSHABLE SNACKS, PLEASE. Please put items in the tub by the glass doors.

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, November 19. Zoom link is below.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at lisaschneller23@gmail.com

Staying Connected in Community

BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

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





Flat sheets
Pillows
Pillow cases
Towels
Comforters

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled items please. Please put donations in the tub by the glass doors.

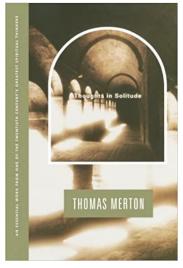
GIVING TO TEMPLE

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 Hallowell Questions? Contact Nancy Hallowell
 - Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be "Thoughts in Solitude" by Thomas Merton.

Thoughtful and eloquent, as timely (or timeless) now as when it was originally published in 1956. Thoughts in Solitude addresses the pleasure of a solitary life, as well as the necessity for quiet reflection in an age when so little is private. Thomas Merton writes: "When society is made up of men who know no interior solitude it can no longer be held together by love: and

consequently it is held together by a violent and abusive authority. But when men are violently deprived of the solitude and freedom which are their due, the society in which they live becomes putrid, it festers with servility, resentment and hate."

Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk, is perhaps the foremost spiritual thinker of the twentieth century. His diaries, social commentary, and spiritual writings continue to be widely read after his untimely death in 1968.

Please join us on Monday, November 2 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at despina.kontos@gmail.com



FOOD PANTRY

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

VIRTUAL 5K SUPERHERO RUN

Run anytime before October 31.



CALENDAR

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Worship in Parlor

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare) Sundays 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship (reservation required)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Ms. Jeanne 9:30 a.m. Live Streamed Worship Service

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

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

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