



*Knowing Christ...Making Christ Known*



*September 27, 2020*

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**OUR MISSION -**

***"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"***

**Visiting today? Welcome!**

**September 27, 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](http://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](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org) for information or the form to do this.*

## **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**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](#)

## **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 Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forges-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, 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:**

**TLC Food Pantry Service Day  
on SATURDAY, September 26**

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**



**We need some help:  
Stocking, Restocking,  
Organizing and Recycling**



**Call Bridget to sign up  
856-607-6702**

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Call Sue Cook, Red Cross or [click](#) to make an appointment. Giving blood saves lives!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School (for the meantime) will have two modes: one in person (Saturday School) and one online (Sunday School)!



The online version will run just like it did in the spring, on **Sundays** before service from 9am-9:30am with Miss Jeanne via a Zoom link:

### Sunday School on Zoom

Meeting ID: 759 0842 5637

Passcode: XpcX0X

Our second mode will be in person, similar to Adult Worship on Wednesday nights. The in person Saturday School will be meeting on **Saturday** mornings. Saturday School will meet at:

9:30-10:15: Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:30-11:15: Middle School/High School Youth Group

We will meet at Grange Field under/near the pavilion. Make sure to bring your own chairs and blankets! Health precautions will include wearing a mask for the length of the time and remaining 6 feet apart at all times. Because of this, I strongly recommend (and ask) that parents for Kindergarteners through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders stay the whole time to help with social distancing and health protocol. Children attending the Middle School/High School Youth Group may attend on their own. Parents may stay, but are encouraged to give the group privacy for reasons of confidentiality.

I also ask that if you have a cell phone, please bring it! To try and help save trees, I will be sending out materials via an email.

I am super excited for this opportunity, and am looking forward to seeing your children in a way that still honors their health. As with everything else, flexibility is key during this time. I will be monitoring the health safety protocol for the area each week to determine the best way to deliver Sunday School. There will be a weekly email with updates, so be on the lookout!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to text or email me. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Juli

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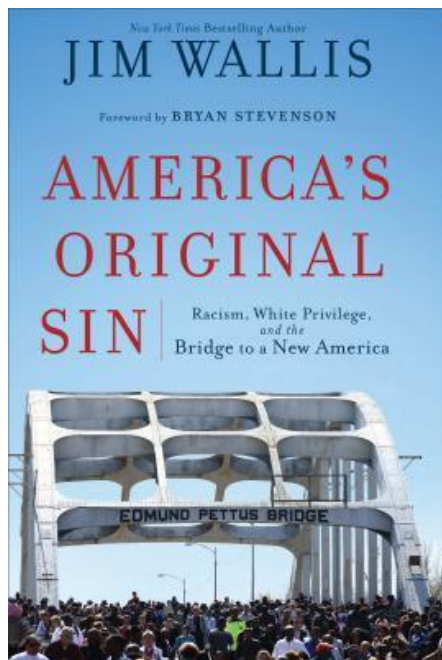
## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

As part of the Anti-racism Task Force at TLC I have been keeping my eyes open for opportunities to learn and grow. I recently listened to the book **America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America**. The cover art is a picture of the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma Alabama, and this excellently written book utilizes the author's first person experiences as an anti-racist to help the reader build bridges in their minds and communities.



I recently found a study guide on-line at <https://sojo.net/sites/default/files/americas-original-sin-study-guide.pdf>

*Rob Mannix*



Whatever stage(s) you are in, we're all right there with you. Temple's Racial Justice Task Force is working on ways to engage in learning together as a church community. As we all continue to learn, examine and engage, we are sharing some opportunities for taking action together. Thanks for joining us in this journey!

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

In October, we have many important dates to announce, including two online congregational meetings that beg your attendance.

**October 11 at 11 a.m.** – Congregational Meeting virtually on Zoom. We will be discussing much needed work on our flat roof and stone masonry. We will also see a presentation from Noel Smyth about installing solar panels on the church's roof.

**October 18, also at 11 a.m.** – Congregational Meeting virtually on Zoom. We will learn more about our redevelopment agreement with Grace Lutheran Church, Broomall and our efforts to come alongside them as they seek growth and revitalization. We will also be voting on a new Welcome Statement which would allow Temple to officially become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation (committed to extending unconditional welcome to LGBTQIA+ folks).

We'll use the same Meeting ID and Password for both meetings. Link will be in Temple Connections.

Don't have a computer or smart phone? That's okay. There's a dial-in option through your phone!

Computer/Smart Phone  
Meeting ID: 879 1714 5239  
Password: temple

Telephone  
Phone #: (646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 879 1714 5239  
Password: 079557

We will also start in-person worship in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on October 4. 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. Keep an eye on Temple Connections for a link to register to attend.

*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.*

For fun, we will be having a Homebrew Oktoberfest TO GO this year – a drive by, take-out meal of delicious German dishes, prepared by Kevin Rieck and many others. 4-7 PM. That will be Saturday, October 24.

More details on all these events will be distributed. Keep an eye out in your Temple Connections email for more information on all of these items.

## 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, October 15. Zoom link is below.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at

[lisaschneller23@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschneller23@gmail.com)



### Staying Connected in Community



## 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.





## **BLESSED TOMORROW - CARING FOR CREATION TODAY**

Joy Baxter – Blessed Tomorrow and ELCA Creation Care Ambassador

Sat. October 10th, 2020 9am Zoom

In Genesis 2:15, God calls on us to care for God's creation. How do we do that? In my 1 1/2 hour presentation I hope the interconnections between our faithful missions of feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, racial justice, and creation care will become clearer.

The goals of the presentation are to...

- Provide information about our changing environment & climate
- Help you make the connection between faith & climate
- Empower you with solutions

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82778541078?pwd=eFlxbjFWcGF0SzJYRG5wMEpXSHh6QT09>

Meeting ID: 827 7854 1078

Passcode: 185166

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(Germantown)

Meeting ID: 827 7854 1078

Passcode: 185166

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcaQxXqxFP>



**A Sermon Series  
Beginning Oct. 4**

**Live Streamed  
Sundays  
@ 9:30**

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### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN**

through Bethany Adoption and Foster Care Agency.

Now is the time to sign up to buy gifts for children living in foster care right here in the Delaware Valley. Sign up today and let us know how many children you would like to sponsor. Each child will provide a "wish list" of gifts that cost up to \$25. Wish lists will be provided to you in November, and gifts will be gathered at Temple Lutheran Church in early December. *This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors and family members to participate in the mission of Temple Lutheran Church!* Sign up using the link below through October 26 or call the church office. Questions: Check with Vanessa Wallace

**Christmas Gifts for  
Foster Children**



We are also 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.

## BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

TLC Food Pantry is 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.



## SUPPORTING THE LUTHERS

Please consider helping his family financially through this difficult time by clicking the "Go Fund Me" link below:

[Go Fund Me](#)

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAYS

Please join us this Wednesday (and each Wednesday to come) at 7 PM for worship in the parking lot of the old Brookline School on Earlington Road (and Sagamore). 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](mailto:robmannix@gmail.com)





## IMPORTANT ELECTION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Voting is one of the most important things U.S. citizens can do. We all benefit when everyone makes their voice heard. Whether voters choose to vote by mail or at the polls, all voting options are safe, legitimate, and secure.

- **October 19** is the deadline to [register to vote in Pennsylvania](#).
- **October 27 at 5 p.m.** is the last day for your county office to receive mail-in and absentee ballot applications
- **November 3** is the day of the General Election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. As long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be able to vote. Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must also be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Visit [VotesPA](#) for any statewide updates and general information about voting in Pennsylvania.



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



## 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

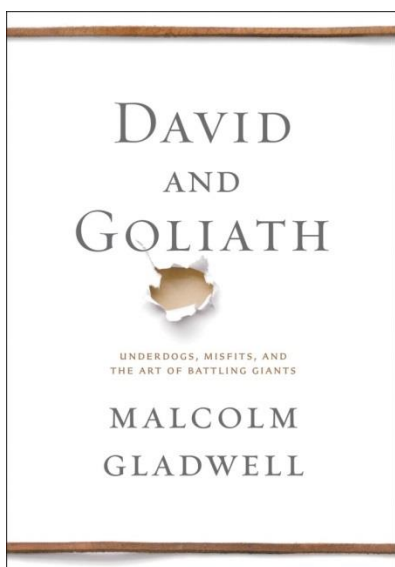
- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell

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 ***"David and  
Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and  
the Art of Battling Giants"*** by  
Malcolm Gladwell.

"In his #1 bestselling books *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell has explored the ways we understand and change our world. Now he looks at the complex and surprising ways the weak can defeat the strong, the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals (often culturally

determined) can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success. Drawing upon examples from the world of business, sports, culture, cutting-edge psychology, and an array of unforgettable characters around the world, *David and Goliath* is in many ways the most practical and provocative book Malcolm Gladwell has ever written." - Goodreads

Please join us on Monday, October 5 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](mailto: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.

**CHILD GUIDANCE  
RESOURCE CENTERS**

# VIRTUAL 5K

**SUPERHERO RUN**

Making healthy choices, one stride at a time

- Run anywhere!
- Tek-tee & Festival-in-a-Box sent to your home!
- Lots of prizes: top fundraising team, best Superhero costume, most steps taken in one day & more!

**Run anytime before October 31!**  
Prizes will be drawn at 3pm, 11/1 on FB Live!

Wherever we run, we choose to run with heroes. Join us!

**To register: [bit.ly/CGRC5K](https://bit.ly/CGRC5K)**

This event is funded by the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol Division.



Return to  
**IN-PERSON**  
worship

**Sundays at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Starting October 4**  
**Registration Required**



**October 24, 4-7 p.m.**  
**Drive-by, take out!**

PLEASE JOIN US

**ZOOM CONGREGATIONAL**

**MEE TINGS**

**October 11 at 11:00 a.m.—Property**

**October 18 at 11:00 a.m.—**  
**Redevelopment Agreement with Grace**  
**Lutheran, Broomall and Becoming a**  
**Reconciling in Christ Congregation**

## CALENDAR

Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Outdoor Worship at Old Brookline School, Earlington & Sagamore Rds.
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)
Saturdays	In-person	Saturday School, Grange Field
	9:30-10:15:	Kindergarten – 5th Grade
	10:30-11:15:	Middle/High School Youth Group
Sundays	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

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
Office Administrator	Janet Bruss
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sunday Nursery Staff	Shelly Davis
Sexton	Calvin Lawler

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